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All Petitions for Repeal
Of Criminal Syndicalism
Act Must be In July 20th

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BARE ORANGE GROWERS' BLACKLIST PLOT!

COUNCIL AIDS STEEL BOSSES, LEWIS STATES

Drive to Organize Steel Gains
Momentum; 3,000 Join
Union in Big U.S.
Steel Mills,
Chicago

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The 12 powerful unions affiliated with the Committee for Industrial Organization have been ordered by the A. F. of L. Executive Committee to stand trial on August 3. Because they have undertaken to organize the 500,000 workers in the steel industry, and over a million more workers in the rubber, automobile, textile and electrical manufacturing industries on an industrial basis, they are threatened with illegal suspension on charges of "promoting dual unionism."

The staunch craft unionists in the Executive Council, unwilling to organize the more than 30-400,000 unorganized in the United States, are reported as demanding suspension of the 12 powerful C. I. O. unions, in order to deprive them of representation at the A. F. of L. convention at Tampa in October. In this way the members hope to steamroller formal confirmation of their expulsion of the 12 unions.

Conciliatory members of the Council, headed by George M. Harrison of the Railway Clerks, were attempting to work out some compromise whereby the split of the organized movement being pushed by Green, Woll, (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

BROWDER WILL TOUR DROUTH STRICKEN AREA

CHICAGO. — Representing a party, which unlike the Democratic and Republican, includes immediate relief for drouth-stricken farmers in its platform, Earl Browder, Communist presidential candidate, will tour the drouth-stricken area in the middle of August.

To the farmers of Minnesota, North Dakota, Illinois and Kansas, and other drouth centers, Browder will bring the Communist election demands for the farmers, which include:

Immediate refinancing of the farmers' debts with government loans at nominal interest; a stop to evictions and foreclosures; a long-term moratorium on all needy farmers' debts; measures to be taken to provide land for the landless farmers; exemption from taxation for small operating farmers and farm cooperatives; scientific soil conservation under supervision of the elected representatives of farmers' organizations, with compensation to farmer-owners and tenant farmers of loss of income.

Such burning needs of the farmers are completely ignored in the platform of the two old parties.

The worst drouth in the nation's history had taken a death toll of 2012, with crop loss of a billion dollars, before cooling showers struck the parched mid-west areas on Wednesday and Thursday.

(See Page Two for Browder's speeches in California.)

July 5th Maritime Memorial Day in San Francisco



Head of the parade of 10,000 who marched up Market street in militant demonstration on the anniversary of the deaths of Howard Sperry and Nick Bordoise, two who died at the hands of the police during the 1934 Maritime Strike. The shipowners are threatening new struggles with the marine workers as the time for renewed negotiations in September draws near. (For an appraisal of the maritime negotiations see Bill Schneiderman's new column, "As We See It," on Page Four.)

JOBLESS MEET FACES WPA CUT

Convention in L. A. Discusses
Vital Problems of
Unemployed

LOS ANGELES.—As the Unity Convention of the California State Federation of Unemployed and the Workers' Alliance got under way at Cooperative Auditorium on Saturday, July 18, the vital problems facing the convention were emphasized by the announcement of State WPA Director McLaughlin that the WPA and SRA rolls in California had been so reduced that an all-time low of 31,580 was reached.

McLaughlin implied that large numbers of the WPA workers had been forced to work in the agricultural fields at greatly reduced wages. He ascribed "voluntary" withdrawals from the WPA rolls as due to seasonal employment on the fruit crops.

The convention was preceded by a big public mass meeting on Friday night, at the Epic Auditorium. Alex Noral, state organizer for the Federation, outlined the tasks before the convention and a Workers' Alliance speaker also spoke at the mass meeting.

HARRISBURG, Pa.—An army of Hunger Marchers forced the Pennsylvania Legislature to appropriate \$45,000,000 for relief, but they attacked the politicians for making the \$45,000,000 spread from now until the end of January. The Hunger Marchers had demanded a \$100,000,000 appropriation. Relief, completely shut off for 8 days, was resumed as a result of the Hunger March.

IDAHO LOGGERS' STRIKE SOLID

SPOKANE, Wash.—The strike of 3000 lumberjacks in the Idaho white pine forests is solid. Most of the camps are owned by the Weyerhaeuser interests. The men demand the 8-hour day, and \$5 a day minimum wage.

Call for United Front

SAN FRANCISCO.—Again appealing to the Socialist Party for a United Front on many specific and vital issues, and in the election campaign toward united support of Socialist or Communist candidates as a preliminary step to the building of a Farmer-Labor Party, the State Executive Committee of the Communist Party addressed the following letter to Glen Trimble, state secretary, and the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party:

"Dear Comrades:

"We again appeal to the Socialist Party of California to consider seriously the need for joint action of the Socialist and Communist parties in order to build a united front of the labor and progressive forces in this state on the most important issues facing the people of California:

"1. The need for a campaign against vigilante terrorism used against agricultural workers in their efforts to build their union and strike for improved conditions; support of AFL state organizing drive in agriculture.

"2. Continue and strengthen the campaign for the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law and the release of the C. S. prisoners.

"3. A joint campaign in certain districts for united support for Socialist or Communist candidates on an agreed-upon platform, and for the building of a Farmer-Labor party.

"We propose that you select a committee to meet a similar committee representing our party to discuss united action on any one or all of the above points.

"Comradely yours,
Wm. Schneiderman
Calif. State Sec'y,
Communist Party,
U. S. A."

Let unity between Socialists and Communists blaze the way to unity of all toilers!

E. BAY STRIKE FACES TERROR

Supt. and Deputies Use Baseball Bats in Attack on
Hudson Lumber
Pickets

SAN LEANDRO, Calif.—The reign of terror against the strike struggles in the East Bay area flared up anew, early this week, when scabs, led by the factory superintendent of the Hudson Lumber Co., attacked pickets with clubs and baseball bats.

The Hudson strikers have been out for a month, demanding union recognition and increased wages.

Aided by deputy sheriffs from Hayward, the scabs not only beat up pickets, but ferociously attacked workers who were passing by. Two scabs attacked an old man named Henry Barbosa, who was picketing, and when a young picket, Frank Dias, came to the old man's aid, the superintendent knocked him down with a baseball bat.

A young girl who tried to help Dias was struck in the ribs and on the arm by the bat.

Several of the workers were injured seriously enough to be taken to Fairmont hospital for treatment. A captain of the San Leandro police who came on the scene toward the end of the attack answered complaints of the strikers by stating that women would be beaten up the same as the men.

An attempt to hush up the attack was made by the factory manager, who warned a San Leandro News reporter not to print the story.

ILA UNION FOR WATCHMEN

SAN FRANCISCO.—National Labor Relations Board hearings have begun on the Waterfront Miscellaneous Workers' Union, I. L. A. 38-124 petition to be certified as collective bargaining representative for porters, watchmen and janitors on the waterfront.

THOUSANDS TO HONOR MOONEY ON JULY 26TH

Molders' Defense, Rail Unions Sponsor S.F. Rally
At Civic Auditorium;
One of Many

SAN FRANCISCO.—To commemorate the 20th anniversary of America's most notorious labor frame-up, thousands of San Francisco trade unionists and others will attend the huge Tom Mooney mass meeting, to be held at Civic Auditorium, on Sunday, July 26, at 2 p. m.

Sponsoring the big meeting are the Tom Mooney Molders' Defense Committee and the Railroad Brotherhoods Committee for the Release of Tom Mooney.

UNION SUPPORT URGED

The Central Labor Council has asked all unions to cooperate in making the meeting a success. The Molders' Defense Committee has sent letters to all unions.

The San Francisco meeting will be one of many throughout the nation on behalf of Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings, to be held in most big cities in the latter half of July.

The New York Central Labor Council, with a membership of 800,000, is behind a giant Mooney mass meeting, to be held either in Madison Square Garden or Mecca Temple, on July 27.

The Mooney rallies will mark the beginning of a new stage in the fight for the release of Mooney and Billings.

The Mooney Molders' Defense Committee states that hundreds of volunteer workers are needed to help handle the Civic Auditorium meeting, and urges such volunteers to report to the Committee's headquarters at 1084 Howard street, San Francisco.

Urge CS Petitions Be Turned In With Full List, July 20

"Fill up your petitions to repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Act, and turn them in Monday, July 20th, to either our Los Angeles or our San Francisco office."

These were the instructions issued to the repeal workers circulating the initiative petitions against the anti-labor statute, by the state executive committee of the California Conference for Repeal of the C. S. Act.

Petitions in Northern California should be brought in to the State Conference office at 68 Haight street, San Francisco.

Circulators in Southern California should get in their petitions to the Southern California Councils for Constitutional Rights, 129 West 2nd street, Room 326, Los Angeles.

"Make every effort to fill up your petitions to the full 70 names," urged Herbert Nugent, state secretary of the campaign.

"With full cooperation of every organization and every individual participating in the campaign, we can whip this anti-labor law once and for all."

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Governor Merriam and U.S. Dept. of Labor Involved in Strike-Smashing Campaign

WESTERN WORKER EXPOSES SECRET DOCUMENTS
ISSUED BY ORANGE COUNTY GROWERS

By John Broman.

Illegal blacklisting of "organizers and agitators," incitement to violence against the striking orange pickers, organized terror and intimidation of the strikers by governmental and judicial apparatus, promotion of vigilantism—these plans of the wealthy growers of Orange County to smash the current strike of the workers in their groves are hereby exposed by the Western Worker from the secret documents of the growers themselves!

From growers' circulars and bulletins, labeled "Confidential Information," the Western Worker has obtained documentary evidence of the criminal plans of the growers and their banker-bosses.

Mussolini Drafts Anti-Soviet Plan; Japanese Spy Net Shakes U.S. Navy

BRITISH KING ASSASSIN TARGET;
ETHIOPIA WAR FLARES ANEW

The Dardanelles Conference has agreed to a pact which meets the Soviet Union's demand that aggressive powers be barred from entering the Black Sea.

The discovery of Japanese espionage in the U. S. Navy may necessitate revising the war tactics of the Pacific Fleet.

Imminence of war is emphasized by the British government's decision to equip every man, woman and child with a gas mask immediately.

Italian regiments in Africa are back on a war footing and the Ethiopian armies have re-opened an intense campaign of guerilla warfare.

An attempt was made to assassinate King Edward VIII. Italy and Germany are ignoring the proposed Locarno conference to discuss the Rhineland dispute.

ANTI SOVIET SCHEME

Mussolini has drafted a new international plan to replace the League, which would exclude the Soviet Union and leave the way open for proposed fascist conquests.

South China has seceded from the Nanking government. Dictator Chiang Kai-shek is preparing to launch a major suppression campaign against the rebellious provinces which are demanding a united China and a war of resistance against Japan.

Clashes between fascists and workers in Spain have reached a high pitch. Fascists are reported preparing to attempt a coup. Left wing elements are voicing demands for a Proletarian dictatorship. A showdown is imminent.

A few thousand French fascists rioted in the fashionable residential sections of Paris while hundreds of thousands of French workers celebrated Bastille Day with giant parades and orderly mass meetings.

MEXICO STRIKERS

Mexican oil workers are staging a nation-wide 24 General Strike in solidarity with strikers against Standard Oil interests.

Electrical workers in Mexico City have called a strike for higher wages and better conditions.

ATTACK ON KING EDWARD
As King Edward VIII of Britain paraded Thursday in scarlet uniform and high busby, a

ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATION

SAN FRANCISCO, July 23.—The people of San Francisco are called to participate in a huge demonstration against war at the Embarcadero at 12 noon on Saturday, August 1st.

Decision to hold the demonstration was reached at a conference of the American League Against War and Fascism and all affiliated organizations.

The American League, which embraces united front representation of scores of organizations and unions, is the leading anti-war influence in America. Recently it brought General Smedley E. Butler, retired commander of the U. S. Marines, and Senator Gerald P. Nye, who headed the Munitions Investigation Committee, to San Francisco for huge public mass meetings.

A mass meeting will be held in the Scottish Rite Auditorium on the evening of August 1st.

LOS ANGELES, July 14.—Plans for a huge People's Peace Parade on August 1, International Peace Day, were announced here today by the American League Against War and Fascism.

Calls for a Peace Conference at Danish Auditorium, 1359 1/2 W. 24th street on July 2 at 7:30 p. m. are being sent out by the League.

bystander leapt from the crowd with a big black pistol and a brickbat and tried to knock him off his horse. London Bobbies quickly collared the fanatic and hustled him off to Scotland Yard. Neither His Majesty nor his horse Cobham batted an eyelash but proceeded in chill dignity to the palace where they saluted the guardsmen in the courtyard and the Queen on the balcony.

WARFARE IN ETHIOPIA

Italian authorities have thrown a cloak of censorship over Ethiopia where it is reported native troops have besieged Addis Ababa and seriously wounded Marshall Rodolfo Graziani. Eth-

The Western Worker also has information proving that Governor Merriam and even the U. S. Department of Labor, in Washington, are involved in the vicious drive to smash the strike of the pickers.

Against such an array of reactionary forces, the strikers are heroically standing their grounds. Certain plans of the growers are "so secret and important they cannot be told."

BLACKLISTING

Proof of blacklisting is contained in a document issued on May 22nd last, before the strike started, by Stewart Strathman, growers' representative. Headed, "This report is confidential to the receiver, not for publication or dissemination."

The document stated that all applicants for work should be checked with the names listed, with the clear implication that "agitators" should be refused work.

ILLEGAL

Although blacklisting is illegal in California, a total of 67 names were on the list, some described as "actively in favor of the 1935 strikes" and others listed under the heading, "PLAIN BAD ACTORS AND AGITATORS . . . NOT PICKERS," as follows:

"Elias Espinosa, formerly Santa Ana, now Garden Grove, is Mexican Communist organizer.

"Jess Govea, Box 86, Los Alamitos, Mexican Communist organizer.

"Raymond Prado, a barber, El Modena, Labor Agitator.

"Hermine Valencia, Ermina Valencia, Minnie Valencia, (alias Bastillos) El Modena, Labor Agitator."

Indicating a stool pigeon organization, the Placencia Orange Growers' Association of Fullerton issued a bulletin on June 9th last, warning growers of a strike to be called by "Communist Agitators," as previously exposed in the Western Worker.

PROFITEERS

Signed by J. A. Prizer, secretary-manager, the bulletin closed with this significant paragraph:

"It is a year in which we may expect a higher return on our Valencias. Early markets indicate that with properly regulated supply, we can secure a very good return. Thus we cannot permit labor troubles to interfere with our marketing program this year. Neither can we permit outside interference to jeopardize our citrus properties at any time."

The National Re-Employment Service, a federal agency under (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Labor Supports Big Tom Mooney Meeting July 26, Civic Auditorium, S.F.

BARE ORANGE GROWER PLOT TO BLACKLIST

School Boy Scabs Expensive To Growers; Prospects Of Winning Strike Increasing

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the Department of Labor, is furnishing strike-breakers!

At least 100 to 150 scabs were sent out by the N. R. S., the local head, a Mr. Fallert, maintaining that there is no strike because it is not being arbitrated!

The strike is not being arbitrated because the growers have refused to arbitrate and are trying to smash the strike with terror.

One scab sent out by the N. R. S. had a work-order showing 40 cents an hour, a higher scale than demanded by the strikers.

FEDERALS THREATEN

A Mr. Davis of the Federal Immigration Office in Southern California asserted that all aliens "involved in strike disorders" will be immediately deported.

Gov. Merriam asked Strathman to send a representative to Sacramento to help choose a successor to Charles Schottland, former State Administrator of the SRA—a successor whose views concerning agriculture and strikes will be known before appointment.

Strathman has demanded elimination of all women social workers from SRA—"practical men" should administer relief in order that strikers will not receive assistance, he says.

Mr. Fitzgerald, of the National Labor Relations Board, has refused to press for arbitration of the strike, saying he "does not see anything wrong."

NO COUNTY RELIEF

Byron Curry, of Orange County, said no county aid will be given to strikers "as far as I am concerned."

Thus far the State Relief Administration has not formulated a definite policy, its officials seeming to be in a state of indecision. It is considered probable that they would give food orders to strikers should they apply and "should their individual need warrant relief."

However, the employers are bringing great pressure on the SRA officials and are demanding that no strikers be given relief.

VIGILANTISM

Sheriff Logan Jackson, of Orange County, called in sheriffs of neighboring counties, and they reached an agreement in accordance with the interests of the growers. All "suspicious" cars are to be stopped by sheriffs' deputies and or numbers taken; occupants will be called upon by "appropriate parties" at a later date!

The sheriffs arranged for armed guards, the arming of scabs, and patrols for the citrus areas. In addition, the State Highway Patrol is intimidating and terrorizing the strikers and permitting vigilante bands to roam at will.

Display of police power to "scare the strikers into submission" is one of the chief strike-smashing weapons of the growers.

REFUSED TO SCAB

However, with heroic determination, the strikers are standing firm. When 21 men were brought in to scab from San Bernardino, they were not at first informed that a strike was going on, it is reported. When they found out, they rebelled and one picker threw a box at the foreman, laying open his cheek, for tricking them into the position of scabs. Then they walked out of the groves.

One packing house had cut

Pa., Mass. Labor Parties Growing

BOSTON, Mass.—A state-wide Farmer-Labor Party conference, held at Worcester, has decided to concentrate on local, legislative and congressional candidates in the fall elections.

The 130 delegates to the conference represented 59,900 workers. They elected a broad state committee of 27 for the promotion of a state Farmer-Labor Party. Trade unionists compose its entire membership, including leaders of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, Teachers' Union, Central Labor Councils, etc.

QUAKERTOWN, Pa.—All trade unions and other workers' organizations have been called on to send delegates to the Bucks and Lehigh County Farmer-Labor Convention, to be held July 19. The convention will nominate Farmer-Labor candidates for the state legislature and for Congress.

wages a half-cent a box, and then raised the manager's salary \$100 per month. Several packing houses were reported to have fingerprinted pickers and house-help.

Confidential reports of the packers, kept hidden even from the growers, indicate that the strike is proving very costly to the employers and that chances are improving daily for a victory by the workers.

High school boys are chiefly acting as scabs, and are costing the growers more than if they paid in full 8, 10 and 12 cents a box to the striking pickers. The boys often break trees, leave unpicked oranges in the trees, and long stems on many of the oranges. Sometimes, two or more oranges will be left on one stem.

BOY SCABS N. G.

Packing houses are reported furnishing clippers to the packers and graders to clip off the stems on the oranges. In numerous instances, oranges are yanked off the trees, resulting in the pulling off of buds from the oranges, leaving a cavity. The oranges then cannot be packed or shipped, as they will rot. A large proportion of the oranges are so ruined.

The boys frequently engage in "orange fights," throwing oranges at one another. Upon seeing deputies or other thugs approach the vicinity, the boys have engaged in mock fights in a spirit of hilarity; the deputies, thinking that "agitators" are around, have rushed into the groves, only to find that they have been "fooled."

The boys are slow and inexperienced and many of them, not liking the hard work, are quitting. One house, which formerly employed but two Mexican crews is paying \$20 a day for deputy sheriffs to guard the house and hiring three crews.

VICTORY FOR STRIKERS!

The strikers, if they gain the active aid and support of the State Federation of Labor and all other pro-labor forces, can win this strike. Their morale is firm, and they realize that this battle is a battle for agricultural workers throughout the state.

Dr. Towne Nylander, Los Angeles director of the National Labor Relations Board, considers the present strike the most important in the history of Southern California agriculture.

The Western Worker calls for all aid and support to the heroic orange strikers.

HUNGER MARCHERS WIN

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Two thousand hunger marchers here last week forced Governor George H. Earle and the Pennsylvania Legislature to agree upon relief financing, indicating a quick resumption of relief to half a million people left to starve when state relief funds ran out a week previously.

NO RIGHTS FOR COMMUNISTS IN L. A. IS RULE

No Street Meetings Allowed Is Mayor, Police Answer To Protests at Emma Cutler Arrest

LOS ANGELES. — "Communists have no right to hold street meetings, and it shall be our policy to break them up"—secretary of the Los Angeles Police Commission.

"Communists have no right to free speech, no right to speak anywhere, and the federal government says so"—Mayor Frank L. Shaw.

Thus backing up the Police terror and intimidation which broke up and election campaign meeting of the Communist Party on Saturday night, July 11th, these "public" officials indicated a sweeping drive on the constitutional rights of the people and against the labor movement.

COMMUNIST CANDIDATE JAILED

Emma Cutler, Communist candidate against the extreme reactionary incumbent, Charles Kramer, in the 13th Congressional District, was speaking at the election rally at Echo Park avenue and Sunset boulevard when police smashed into the meeting and jerked her roughly from the speaking stand.

Two of the 12 cops held Chairman Healy while a high school boy slugged him. "You could have cleaned up on them yourselves," Peace Officer B. S. Biller, No. 1383, told three schoolboys. "You didn't need to call us. You oughta take these guys around in the alley and see that they don't come back again."

Miss Cutler was taken to "red squad" headquarters, told she was to be investigated and that "it's going to be made tough for you," and released.

Provocateurs had previously tried to incite violence at the street meeting.

When a delegation of citizens protested to Mayor Shaw, "hiz-zoner" made his famous "free speech" speech and then had the gall to say that street meetings in free speech zones had not been disturbed in years.

"WRITE ME A LETTER"

When it was pointed out that it had actually happened, his only reply was: "Send me a communication."

A protester reported the open incitement to riot by the police, and the mayor said: "Send me a communication."

Asked if further street meetings would be permitted, Shaw replied: "Send me a communication."

The mayor said he "never held campaign meetings on street corners."

The delegation then visited the city attorney's office, where they charged officials with "whitewashing" the police force and stated that if no action were taken, they would file suit against the police department.

Last Wednesday the police commission secretary made his "free speech" statement, and was promptly informed that the Communist Party would again hold a street meeting at Echo Park avenue and Sunset boulevard on Saturday night, July 18th, at 7:30, with Emma Cutler again speaking. A huge demonstration is predicted.

DEMAND PROTECTION

Police protection for this meeting will be demanded by numerous committees from liberal organizations it was learned.

Grover Johnson, International Labor Defense attorney and non-partisan candidate for district attorney, signed a resolution demanding full protection for such meetings from disturbances by vigilantes and the immediate discharge of officer Biller for inciting to riot.

George W. Rochester, "Liberal" candidate for the same office, refused to sign the resolution, saying, "I have no time to sign resolutions."

"I don't want to get mixed up in any fights," said Ralph W. Evans, another district attorney candidate.

A hearing is scheduled for Monday, July 20th, at the City Attorney's office.

The People's Front stopped fascism in France. An American People's Front in the form of a Farmer-Labor Party can stop it here.

Important Person



DURING THE last American dust storm disaster workers on Federal relief projects were denied dust filters on the grounds they were "too expensive." Many collapsed from the dust, afraid to leave their relief jobs lest they starve. But this Tulsa, Oklahoma, motorcycle cop not only gets a "nosebag" free of charge during the dust storm, but it's cheap enough to be thrown away at the end of one day's wear.

500 Laundry Workers Strike in San Jose For a Closed Shop

SAN JOSE, Calif.—More than 500 union laundry workers struck Thursday in a demand for union recognition and wage increases.

Picket lines were at once thrown around the laundries. Workers with 10 years experience state they receive the same wages as newly hired employees.

Edward Vandeleur, president of the San Francisco Central Labor Council, announced that if San Jose laundries try to send their work to San Francisco, laundries in the latter city will be struck.

The San Jose laundries discharged three union officials, and announced they will run open shop from now on.

Oakland Workers Mourn Comrade's Passing

OAKLAND, July 15.—Last evening the Communist Party of the East Bay suffered a great loss in the death of Comrade Fred Battenhouse. He was sick only a few days and his passing was a great shock to the hundreds of workers who knew him.

Our comrade was a leader in the Public Works and Unemployed Union, being one of the members of the Labor Relations Board. He was also a member of local No. 4 and never was known to turn down any assignment when it was within his power to fulfill it. He was a constant and persistent fighter on the grievance committees and it is doubtful if there is a single member in his local that he has not battled for at some time. He had also been elected a delegate to the state unemployed unity convention.

Comrade Battenhouse was also

DELEGATES OF TOWNSENDITES FALL VICTIM

Dangers Threaten Pensioners As Father Coughlin Works Stampede for His 'Union Party'

CLEVELAND. — Presaging grave dangers for the old age pension movement, Father Charles Coughlin, Detroit's fascist radio priest, stampeded the Townsend national convention at Public Hall here last Thursday into an "informal endorsement" of Congressman William Lemke, presidential candidate of Coughlin's "Union Party."

Fortunately, however, a group of directors of the Townsend movement are bitterly opposing attempts to tie the Townsend organization to the Coughlin-Lemke fascist kite.

Coughlin stampeded the convention by orating: "You do not have to endorse my party. Your great leader has taken his stand for Lemke and how many of you will follow Dr. Townsend?"

Keyed up through the reference to Townsend, the delegates staged a demonstration at this point.

TOWNSEND'S "PAL"

Coughlin appeared as the political association, personal guest, and surprise speaker of Dr. Townsend, after the priest, the doctor, and Reverend Gerald L. K. Smith, "share-the-wealth" and political heir to the late Huey P. Long, agreed over the breakfast table to support Lemke.

One Townsend director stated that the convention would be prevented from officially endorsing Lemke if possible, stating: "Dr. Townsend is a dictator no longer."

In a viciously demagogic speech, Coughlin attacked President Roosevelt as "liar and betrayer."

HEARSTIAN DEMAGOGY

"But just as there is a trinity of those opposed to us—Democrats, Republicans, and Communists—so we will stand together—your beloved Dr. Townsend, the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, and myself," shouted the priest. "And I stand for four square."

As Coughlin finished his demagogic tirade, he walked off arm in arm with Smith and Townsend.

Temporary Convention Chairman Martin F. Smith, of Washington, stated afterward that Democratic Townsendites would defend the Democratic Party here if attacks are repeated.

"They are not going to get away with it," he said.

Sheridan Downey, influential Townsendite and attorney to Dr. Townsend, leads the California opposition to affiliating with the "Union Party." Downey, who polled more than 1,000,000 votes on the Epic Democratic ticket for lieutenant governor of California in 1934, has stated he will support Roosevelt.

a very active member of the American Friends of the Soviet Union.

The workers extend their heartfelt sympathy to the widow and children.

Browder Speaks in State for First Time; Plan Cal.'s Biggest Meeting

California working people will soon have the pleasure of hearing for the first time Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President of the United States!

Largest meeting in the history of the Communist Party in California is planned for San Francisco, where a crowd of 10,000 from the entire Bay area is expected to pack the huge Dreamland Auditorium until the rafters groan.

Browder's first California speech will be given in Los Angeles on Sunday, August 9th.

Three days later, on the night of Wednesday, August 12, Browder will make his appearance at Dreamland Auditorium. Delegations of workers are expected to come from the Peninsula, Oakland and Alameda, Contra Costa and Marin counties, and even from as far away as Sacramento and Eureka and Fresno.

"Let's build it with a tidal wave of enthusiasm!"

L. A. Communist Nominees On Air

LOS ANGELES, July 14.—Communist candidates will be heard over Station K. M. P. C. every Wednesday night commencing July 22nd. The broadcast is scheduled for 9:15 to 9:30. Contracts were signed by the Southern Pacific Sub-Section of the Communist Party. Speaker on July 22nd is Albert Heltness, candidate in the 54th Assembly District.

KMPC operates on a wave-length of 710 kilocycles.

Mussolini Designs European Pact to Exclude U. S. S. R.

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iopean guerilla forces are said to have driven the Italians out of Harar, inflicting tremendous casualties. Ras Imru has reorganized a huge Ethiopian army in the Western mountains and is preparing to march on Addis Ababa. A large detachment of Italian troops were ambushed and massacred in the Eastern Danakil region.

JAPANESE ESPIONAGE

Shortly after Harry Thompson, former petty officer in the U. S. Navy, was convicted of complicity in a Japanese espionage plot in Los Angeles, John S. Farnsworth, former U. S. Navy officer was arrested in the East and charged with betraying Naval secrets to the Japanese government. Thompson, after being convicted, agreed to uncover an extensive spy ring in return for a lenient sentence. Farnsworth is said to have sold to Japan an important publication, "The Service of Information and Security." Contained in it are the details of American naval strategy and tactics. Complete revision of U. S. Navy strategies may be necessitated by the discovery.

THE MUSSOLINI PLAN

Proclamation of the recent pact uniting Germany, Italy, Poland and Austria accomplished a bloc of all fascist and aggressive powers in Europe for a proposed conquest of the smaller nations, Asia Minor and the Soviet Union. Mutual defense pacts between France, the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia remain the only barrier in the way of fascist ambitions. Should Great Britain throw her strength with these three powers, the prospect of halting war would be greatly aided.

Mussolini has now devised a counter-plan which would provide for co-operation between Italy, Germany, France and Great Britain. The Soviet Union is deliberately excluded. The object of the plan is to leave the road open for the fascist powers to attack the Soviets without running into the barbed wire of mutual defense pacts involving other major powers.

DARDANELLES CONFERENCE

League of Nations powers participating in the Dardanelles Conference at Montreux, Switzerland, conceded a diplomatic victory to the Soviet Union and agreed to bar the warships of aggressive powers from entrance to the Black Sea in time of war. Only vessels entering to enforce decisions of the League of Nations or under obligations through pacts with Turkey, are excepted from the ban.

Italy and Japan refused to participate in the conference and announced they will not abide by any decision arising out of it.

(More International News On Page 5.)

ILD URGENTLY NEEDS MONEY FOR BAIL FUND

SAN FRANCISCO.—Reporting \$1500 already received from other sources, the International Labor Defense sent out an urgent call, particularly directed to war veterans receiving the bonus, for \$1000 additional loans or donations for its bail fund.

This money is needed urgently to supply bail for the release of George Geoftrin from Angel's Island, where he is held under deportation charges for "subversive" activity.

All donations and loans should be brought in as soon as possible to the I. L. D. District office, 1005 Market street.

Unity to smash the open-shop drive against organized labor!

BREAK NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNIONS; RAISE RED SCARE

LOS ANGELES, July 14.—Dragging a "red herring" into the meeting of Japanese growers and the vegetable workers' unions, the growers have abruptly ended negotiations in the long battle for union recognition and increased wages.

Although their signatures to a settlement agreement had been promised a week ago, S. Kato, of the Southern California Farms Federation, and K. Mukaeda, of the Central Japanese Association, flatly refused to sign at yesterday's meeting and offered the white-whiskered alibi that the strike was "Communist controlled."

PREVIOUS AGREEMENT At the meeting last week it was agreed between representatives of the growers and unions, with the approval of Deputy State Labor Commissioner Barker, that strikers would be advised to withdraw their pickets and return to work Monday, July 13th.

With the failure of yesterday's conciliatory efforts, vegetable workers will intensify their fight against the growers, union leaders said.

"We shall never meet with the growers again until we have assurances that they are anxious to sign," William Velarde, Mexican labor leader, said this morning.

C. OF C. SABOTAGE

It is reported that the field representatives of the Agricultural Committee of the State Chamber of Commerce have been particularly active among the growers during the past week.

Recent agricultural bulletins issued by the Chamber of Commerce have emphasized the necessity of bolstering the spirit of wavering farmers who themselves are opposed to the terroristic tactics employed by the chamber and its lackey public officials.

In the last minute effort to split the confederation of Japanese, Filipino, Mexican, and American vegetable workers, Mukaeda and Kato offered to work for the recognition of the Mexican union alone.

ANCIENT SELL-OUT TACTICS

This ancient Chamber of Commerce tactic was instantly recognized and resulted only in ominous murmurs from union representatives.

It is not known how the decision will affect some 450 independent growers who have bolted the farm federations and agreed to many of the union demands.

There are approximately 1500 Japanese growers in Los Angeles county.

Vegetable workers are demanding union recognition, a nine-hour day, and a minimum of 25 cents an hour for unskilled labor and 30 cents an hour for skilled labor in the celery fields.

CP CONVENTION REPORT SLATED AT PARK MEET

SAN FRANCISCO.—Reports of the historic 9th national convention of the Communist Party, and what it means to the working people of San Francisco, will be given at Jefferson Park at an open-air meeting Sunday, July 19th, at 1 p. m.

Leading speakers will be Lawrence Ross, Communist candidate for Congress in the 5th District and delegate to the national convention; and Olita O'Connor, new county organizer of the Communist Party. Ross is now editor of the Western Worker.

On Tuesday evening, July 23, a huge ratification rally for the Communist candidates in the coming elections, will be held at 121 Haight street, with Ross again speaking. With him will be his running mate in the congressional race, Anita Whitney, in the 4th District, and other candidates.

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PLECARPO HAS C. P. SUPPORT

United Front Sentiment Seen In Joint Campaign for Socialist in 11th

STOCKTON.—Indicating the growth of the United Front sentiment among Socialists, the Communist Party and the Socialist Party here are working out a joint platform for the coming elections in order to strive for the election of Joseph A. Plecarpo, Socialist candidate in the 11th Assembly District.

The district comprises the city of Stockton. Plecarpo was born in Oakland on May 5th, 1883, and when he was two years old, his parents moved to Halfmoon Bay where he was reared on a little farm. After graduating from grammar school, he was unable to continue his education within schools.

Unsatisfied with farm labor, Plecarpo went to San Jose, where he started to work as a clerk at \$6 per month. In 1907 he married Anna K. Gomes, a farmer's daughter from Hollister. They have two children, Thelma and Clement, both now married.

Always taking great interest in working class movements, Plecarpo joined the Socialist Party in 1933. He believes in the United Front between the Socialist and Communist Parties on a revolutionary basis, and in the building of a people's front against reaction and war.

Laundry Workers Vote Against Use Of Hearst Press

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN FRANCISCO.—No more Hearst newspapers will be bought by the Laundry Workers' Union here.

In reporting expenditures by the union, at its last meeting, it was revealed that the officials have been subscribing to the San Francisco Examiner and to the Call-Bulletin, both Hearst papers. Progressive members of the union challenged this expenditure, pointing out that Hearst is one of the worst enemies of the organized labor movement. When the question was put to a vote, the membership voted unanimously to boycott the Hearst press completely in the future, and to have the union buy daily newspapers other than the Examiner and Call-Bulletin.

UNEMPLOYED IN S.F. COURT FOR FRAME-UP TRIAL

SAN FRANCISCO.—Workers were urged to pack the courtroom of Judge O'Brien in the Hall of Justice here Saturday, July 18th, at 10 a. m., to demand the immediate and unconditional freedom of 10 members of the Public Works and Unemployed Union.

They were arrested last Monday at the instigation of SRA Administrator John Small when the P. W. U. U. grievance committee demanded that two workers be given relief and demanded the right of collective bargaining, as ordered by Federal Administrator Harry L. Hopkins. The 10 workers are charged with "disturbing the peace."

Removal of Administrator Small is also demanded by the P. W. U. U., which asks that letters to this effect be written to Hopkins.

Scale of Industrial Ass'n Ignored in New Roofers' Agreement

SAN FRANCISCO.—Ignoring the terms of the Industrial Assn., striking union roofers and the Assn. of Roofing Contractors have signed an agreement increasing wages from \$8 to \$9 a day. The industrial Association schedule of wage scales calls for \$8 for roofers.

The agreement signed by Roofers' local 40 calls for an 8-hour day, 5-day week.

International Fur Workers' Local 79 announces new agreements reached with the wholesale and Retail Fur Ass'n., granting workers a 10-per cent increase and a 35-hour week.

Boycott the anti-union fascist Hearst Press. Read the workers' paper the Western Worker.

CORRECTION
In the last issue of the Western Worker, the story on the national convention of the Townsend movement carried the following misprinted headline: "Expect 15,000 At Convention of Prisoners." It should have read: "Expect 15,000 at Convention Of Pensioners."

Expose Landon As Enemy of Jobless In His Own State

TOPEKA, Kans.—Hearstman Landon, Republican candidate for President, completely exposed himself as the vicious enemy of the jobless here in his own state when he gave \$20 to a delegation of 35 unemployed men and women and children, delegates of the Kansas Allied Workers, and then called out 85 state cops and militiamen to "keep order."

Reporters of "happy Kansas" doing nicely on a balanced budget, as per G. O. P. campaign literature, were thoroughly blasted by the delegation when it finally won a hearing before a joint legislative committee.

UNHAPPY KANSAS
Steve Johnson, delegate from the minefields, produced statistics proving that 55 per cent of the school children in Treece were affected with tuberculosis. Mrs. Parker, from Fort Scott, told of the harrowing job of feeding a family on "dollar-a-day relief wages."

Ralph Ridley, unemployed leader, demanded: "You have a million dollar surplus in the state treasury—a section of the people of Kansas are faced with starvation. Act!"

A trainload of drought-stricken farmers were unable to push their case for immediate state relief, because Landon insisted on the special legislative session confining its business to adopting a bill "calling for a vote on the constitutional amendment to handle the social security problem."

It begins to look like Landon won't carry Kansas in November.

WAR TRAINING STARTED FOR 17,000 TROOPS

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif., July 14.—Intensive training, designed to equip them to fit in to the gigantic war machine of the United States government, was started here yesterday for a 15-day period as approximately 17,000 enlisted men and officers were started through their annual summer maneuvers at National Guard Camp.

Nearly 2000 of them were from the San Francisco Bay district. Instead of being given their railroad fares, as they were until last year, the men and officers were brought here in troop convoys. Contingents of special troops from Berkeley, San Francisco, Long Beach, and Sacramento were included in the number.

Indicating that militarism is beginning to sink into them, the men's road discipline was reported by officers as "improved over last year."

SIMPSON FACES TRIAL JULY 28 IN NAZI COURT

BERLIN.—Held in Nazi torture prisons since his arrest in Hamburg a year ago, Lawrence Simpson, of Kirkland, Wash., a member of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, is to be brought to trial here on July 28th, it has been announced by the Hitler government.

Simpson is to be brought to trial before the second Senate, or "People's Court," on a charge of espionage—apparently based on the raiding of Simpson's locker aboard an American ship. Widespread protests from all over the world have come to the Nazi government, demanding Simpson's immediate release.

L. A. CLEANERS STRIKE
LOS ANGELES.—The Cleaners, Pressers, Dryers and Drivers' Union, A. F. of L., went on strike chiefly at wholesale plants here on Tuesday, July 14th, for wage increases averaging 15 per cent. A. Feinberg, union vice-president, stated the strike was directed primarily against wholesale plant employers.

FASCIST COL. PUT ON SPOT

Garrison Tries to Line Up Small Farmers for Growers' Ass'n.; "Impertinent" Questions

SALINAS, Calif.—"Many of them find that work in the fields is a happy, joyous task, even though the pay is small and we can't keep them working very long." Believe it or not, Col. Walter Garrison, president of the Associated Farmers of California, was talking about agricultural labor when he spoke these words.

Garrison called a meeting at city hall here on Monday night, July 13, for the purpose of lining the small farmers up behind the big growers' association.

MAKING SMALL FARMERS PAY

After the Colonel had finished speaking, the chairman urged the small farmers present to join and contribute to the tune of 1 cent per ton of all gross produce for the year.

Garrison had said, "Suppose we do pay a high wage in California? We'll have all those Texans, Arkansans and Oklahomans flocking into our state and offering to work for nothing. Besides, California already pays 50 per cent higher wages than any other state in the union for its agricultural workers."

So when the chairman proposed his little scheme for donations, a farmer jumped up and said, "If you get 1 cent a ton you'll have enough money to support all the outsiders that come into the state."

The brave Colonel boasted that "we have a large force of under-cover men. They know what is going on before it happens. That is why we are offering you (the small farmers) this service. Then we have a chance to stop a strike before it starts."

USING SCHOOL BOYS

"Lately," the Colonel went on, "we have not had much trouble because many of the high school and college boys have gone to work on the farms. Of course, this was not liked by the regular workers, but shall we submit to having our sons join a Communist Union?" (meaning the A. F. of L.).

The farmers were told that the Associated Farmers had already organized in 30 counties, that they want one representative from each County represented in the state organization. Their central office is in San Francisco.

If any trouble breaks out in Salinas, the farmer is to take a picture of the "agitator," which he is to send to the Central Office, along with other information about him. The idea seems to be the establishment of a state-wide blacklisting system.

Garrison has shown himself a Fascist on many occasions before, but if any proof were needed, it could be found in his statement about Feinberg, of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, one of the leaders in the agricultural organizing group that grew out of the recent Stockton conference. Garrison said he'd be damned if he'd talk over anything with a New York Jew.

This sounds a lot like the talk of the southern landowners during the Scottsboro trial, and a lot like the Steel Trust's statement, attacking the C. I. O. leaders in the steel organization campaign as "outsiders."

COLONEL ON THE SPOT

There were workers present; some officials of the A. F. of L. Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union. Very politely one asked:

"Two years ago there was trouble in this Valley. Several homes and shacks were burned by an organization supposed to be farmers. I'd like to know if the same ones are going to be in control of this organization?"

"I consider that a very impertinent question," the chairman replied. "I can't answer that question and I can't allow you to ask any more such questions."

AN 'IMPERTINENT' QUESTION

Two or three more questions were declared "impertinent" by the chairman. It was evident the chairman wanted to steer clear of those "impertinent" questions. Finally one more

CANDIDATE IS FIGHTING IRISH

Tom Cooney, Communist for 69th Assembly, Fights For Working Class

LOS ANGELES.—Philadelphia Irish is Thomas J. Cooney, Communist candidate for assemblyman in the 69th District—fighting Irish for the working class.

Born on August 12th, 1898, in Philadelphia of Erin stock, Cooney has participated in countless working class struggles. His first big class struggle was the national seamen's strike in 1922, which was sold out by Paul Scharrenberg, Victor Olander, Andy Furuseth and Company.

TRADE UNIONIST

A carpenter by trade, Cooney then became a member of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. Becoming unemployed, he joined in the first organizational effort to gain cash relief for the jobless, and led demonstrations and struggles of the old Relief Workers' Protective Union in Compton, where he now resides. He took a leading part in the June 1, 1934, unemployed demonstration in Los Angeles, which was brutally smashed by the police.

With the formation of the present unemployed organization,

'Irish' Tom Cooney

(the Public Works and Unemployed union, Cooney became active. He was married in 1932, and has four step-children, Lauriel, 18; George, 20; Pauline, 16; and Joseph 10.

FIGHTS FOR JOBLESS

As does every Communist candidate, Cooney is active in promoting the building of a Farmer-Labor Party against hunger, war and reaction. In the 69th Assembly District, approximately 60 per cent of the workers are unemployed, most of them former oil workers, and his platform calls for a militant fight for increased living standards for the jobless, for the Frazier-Lundeen Social Insurance Bill and the Marcanonio Relief and Works Standards Bill introduced in the last Congress.

Cooney also pledges to fight for the rights of organized labor, and for aid to the small farmers living in his district, and for the organization of the agricultural field workers to win a decent standard of living.

2000 Vigilantes at Drill in Crockett

CROCKET, Cal.—Two miles from town, a former Contra Costa county deputy sheriff is training over 200 vigilantes for action against the trade union movement and against the Communist Party.

The hand of Major Sanborn of the strikebreaking "American Citizen" is seen in this preparation against the workers. The Major has sent every worker in the California and Hawaiian Sugar plant a free sub to the "American Citizen."

worker spoke, this time to Colonel Garrison.

"I would like to know, Colonel," he asked, "why it is the Grand Jury has known the names of the men who burned down those shacks for many months and has taken no action on the case? We work here. We are dependent upon the farmers for our living, and some of us had to pay for that burning. Why can't something be done about it?"

Very graciously the Colonel spread out his hands. "I'm sorry, but that's up to you."

Crucial Townsend Convention

Second Convention of the Old Age Revolving Pension Clubs, being held in Cleveland, is beset with vital political problems and dangers. Dr. F. E. Townsend is shown here with a copy of the convention bulletin.

Armenian, Finn Workers Make Donation to WW

SAN FRANCISCO.—Recognizing the important role the Western Worker plays in the working class movement, the Armenian Workers' Club Branch of Fresno, together with the Finnish Federation, has donated \$11.50 to the sustaining fund of the Western Worker.

Cost of Living Is Continuing to Rise

WASHINGTON.—Wringing ever greater profits from the working people of America, the cost of living throughout the country continues to jump, according to figures of the National Industrial Conference Board.

On food prices, a 4.7 per cent rise from June, 1935, to June, 1936; 43.8 per cent rise from April, 1933, to June, 1936.

On rents, 0.6 per cent rise from May to June, 1936; 11 per cent rise from June, 1935, to June, 1936; 23.8 per cent rise from January, 1934, to June, 1936.

On general living costs, 4 per cent rise from June, 1935, to June, 1936; 20.3 per cent rise from April, 1933, to June 1936.

Present indications are that the cost of living will continue to rise while the average wages paid will remain static or decrease, on a nation-wide scale.

F.D.R. Supporter Fights Maverick

WASHINGTON, D. C.—One of Roosevelt's supporters, Ralph W. Morrison, Texas utilities magnate, is fighting to defeat one of the most progressive representatives in the last Congress, Maury Maverick of Texas.

Morrison is opposing Maverick for the Democratic nomination—tantamount to election. Morrison was an "angel" to Vice-President Garner in 1932 and subsequently contributed or lent \$50,000 to the Roosevelt campaign chest under the impression he was to be made ambassador to Mexico. Morrison was left out in the cold on this, but was appointed to the American delegation to the London Economic Conference, one of whose problems was silver.

Later Morrison was found to be the second largest individual silver holder, with 1,744,000 ounces, when the Treasury Department issued its list of silver hoarders who were waiting to cash in on an increase in the value of silver.

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SAM JONES IS PEOPLE'S MAN

Negro People, Jobless, Trade Unionists Know Sam Will Fight for Them

LOS ANGELES.—Every Negro in Los Angeles knows Sam Jones. Every unemployed worker who has had to fight to get relief or a WPA job, to get his rights on relief and on the projects—he knows Sam Jones.

And the relief and WPA officials, they know Sam Jones, too, but they don't like him.

But thousands of Negro people and unemployed workers and trade unionists in the 2nd Supervisorial District love, admire, and respect Sam Jones as the leader of countless struggles in their behalf. And they're going to vote for him as supervisor against the phony incumbent, Supervisor McDonough, in the August primaries.

Sam was born on March 15th, 1898, in the St. Landry Parish of Louisiana, where he was only allowed to go to school through the 8th grade, because the white ruling class in the South doesn't want the Negro people to become educated.

WORKERS' EDUCATION

However, Sam learned fast in the class struggle. He participated in the great milk workers' strike in Los Angeles in 1933-34, and before that in the State Hunger March of 1932. He was a member of the old Trade Union Unity League. He fought valiantly for cash relief in 1934. He was a leader in the gigantic strike of 3000 workers on the Hooper Ave. Storm Drain project of the WPA early this year, and led a strike on the LaBrea project as well.

In 1934, he was the Communist candidate for the State Assembly, but was in jail for his activities in behalf of the working people and could not actively participate in his campaign.

Both Sam and his wife, Arline Jones, have been active in the struggle. They were married in 1918, and have one boy, Leslie, 14. His older daughter was burned to death earlier this year when kerosene exploded as she tried to light a fire to cook. This tragic death was directly traceable to the cutting off of all utilities from the Jones home, and the refusal of the relief authorities to provide funds to get the gas and light into the home.

100 PER CENT MILITANT

The unemployed of all Los Angeles County have no doubts whatsoever as to what Sam will do if he is elected supervisor. They know that with Sam on the board, there will always be a 100 per cent determined fight to get adequate relief for them, and to protect their constitutional rights against police and sheriff's terrorism.

The Negro people know that Sam is going to fight against discrimination tooth and nail, that he will demand removal of discrimination against Negro students in Jefferson High School, against Negro internes in the General Hospital.

Sam also pledges himself to fight for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party, for low-rent housing projects for the exploited working people, for all the people's demands and rights in Los Angeles County.

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A Real Drive to Organize Agriculture Is the Best Answer

Down in Salinas the other day, Col. Walter Garrison, Hitler-minded president of the Associated Farmers of California, spoke at city hall in an effort to line up the small farmers behind his organization.

Boasting of the existence of a large force of under-cover men (stool pigeons, to you), calling for organization of the farm-owners "to protect" ourselves (vigilantes, to call a spade a spade), the Colonel made it clear that the big growers will stop at nothing to prevent organization of the agricultural workers who want a wage that will permit them at least some of the ordinary comforts of life.

Present were some members and officials of the A. F. of L. Fruit and Vegetable Packers' Union, and was the Colonel's face red when they popped their questions regarding burning of shacks, and other gallant deeds of those whose identity are no mystery to the Colonel.

We are informed that some of the small farmers present, in private conversation, weren't so hot about the Colonel and what he stands for. A great deal of dissatisfaction has been expressed in the press lately by small farmers, about the way in which the big growers control prices. It is important that such unorganized discontent be crystallized, and that the small farmer be clearly made to see that the big grower, and not the agricultural worker, is his enemy.

The answer to threats like those of the Colonel must be made by the State Federation of Labor, and by the Central Labor Councils, in the form of a determined drive, without delay, for the organization of all agricultural workers into an industrial union. Behind that drive must be thrown the power of California organized labor.

The Importance of Working Within the Company Unions Is Shown Again

The great drive led by the Committee for Industrial Organization, to organize the 500,000 workers in the steel industry, is in full swing.

Spurred on by that drive, company union representatives in the U. S. Steel mills in the Youngstown area and the Chenango Valley have moved toward separating themselves from company domination. They are demanding full control of the company unions by the workers in the mills. Thus a big step is taken toward converting these organizations into real weapons of the workers.

Previously company union representatives in the Chicago and Pittsburgh steel areas had placed demands for wage increases. Company union representatives in steel mills in all these areas have stated to those interested in organization of the steel workers that they had been waiting only for a real organization drive, on an industrial union basis, to come over, with their organizations, to the A. F. of L.

We mention these facts because some members of A. F. of L. unions may have wondered why the Communist Party stresses the necessity to work in the company unions, and the necessity for honest rank and file workers to win leading posts in them.

Here we see that in the steel industry, where perhaps 85 per cent of the workers were compelled to join the company unions, the drive to bring the steel workers into the A. F. of L. is meeting with company union members and company union representatives.

Would this have been possible if the

Communist Party had not repeatedly emphasized the necessity to work in these organizations, in order to convert the company unions into genuine weapons of struggle for the workers, and to win them, en masse, for the A. F. of L.?

A Farmer-Labor Party Is Formed in Connecticut—The A. F. L. Is Behind It

A Farmer-Labor Party has just been launched in Connecticut. The leadership of the new party is the State Federation of Labor.

At the conference which launched the Connecticut Farmer-Labor Party were delegates from 102 of the important A. F. of L. union bodies in the state.

The keynote of the conference was the unity of all progressive forces, against the increasing menace of fascism (which would crush the trade unions and all democratic rights) and for the immediate needs of the masses of people.

A great many of the trade unionists taking part had endorsed Roosevelt for President, but they nevertheless believed that no time should be lost in building labor's own party on a local and state scale, to elect labor's own representatives this year to the State Legislature, Congress, and to local political offices.

The Connecticut A. F. of L. members have suffered much from injunctions, police terror against strikes, and other repressive acts by Democratic and Republican office holders. Hence their swiftness to get their own party into swing, thus pointing the way for organized labor in all states.

Who Got the Breaks Under The Administration of F. D. Roosevelt?

While pointing out that the Landon-Hearst-Liberty League combination, represents the fullest reactionary program, and the gravest fascist menace, the Communist Party further points out that Roosevelt is no barrier to fascism, that he and his administration, though forced to grant small concessions to the masses of people, nonetheless answer the pressure and attacks of the reactionary forces by greater concessions to the latter.

The Democratic platform tries to make it seem that under Roosevelt the masses of people have been placed on the road back to prosperity and well-being.

Two government agencies, the Federal Reserve Board and the Bureau of Labor Statistics furnish us the following figures, which belie the claims of the Roosevelt platform, and show the Communist statement to be correct.

For the last three months, manufacturing has been about normal (using 1923 as representing normal production). But the manufacturing industries have employed only 85 per cent of the normal number of people, and paid them only 78 per cent of the normal wages.

Who, then, has really been getting the breaks under Roosevelt?

Has it been the worker, who turns out as much production as in 1923, but with 15 per cent less employed to turn out the 1923 amount—due to terrifically increased speed-up?

Has it been the worker, undergoing such intensified speed-up, with less wages than before.

It's not a difficult question.

The Dept. of Justice is attempting to add one more to the steps toward fascism by opening a barrage of propaganda in favor of compulsory fingerprinting throughout the country. That this would be aimed at organized labor is seen by the Dept. of Justice admission that "the public will have to be educated to the idea" before any federal fingerprinting law can be passed.

The Farmer-Labor Party Question Among the Maritime Workers

Speech of Wm. Schneiderman, Calif. State Secretary, at National Convention, Communist Party, U. S. A.—June 26, 1936

(Continued From Last Issue)

SYNDICALIST TENDENCY

But this is not the most serious problem, as the reactionary agents of Ryan, Furuseth and Olander cannot get very far with the membership. To combat some of the wrong tendencies that express themselves among the militants, some of them known as rank and file leaders, is a far more important problem for the future development of the maritime unions. The syndicalist ideology among the seamen especially, gives rise to incorrect and dangerous tendencies which if unchecked would disrupt the unity of the maritime workers and isolate them from the American Federation of Labor.

This tendency expressed itself when the I. S. U. officials revoked the charter of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific. It required a sharp struggle at that time to prevent the organization of a dual union, and to have the struggle directed to demanding the return of the charter and remaining affiliated with the I. S. U. and A. F. of L. These dual union tendencies still exist among the sailors and some of their leaders, who have a vague, confused idea that the Maritime Federation should become an independent industrial union outside of the A. F. of L. It was the correct policy of the Party to check these tendencies from going too far, although they have not yet been entirely defeated.

FARMER-LABOR PARTY QUESTION

On the question of the Farmer-Labor party, the reactionaries and syndicalist elements united to defeat the Farmer-Labor party by a narrow margin at the recent Maritime Federation Convention. It was also defeated at the I. L. A. Convention. They used the following arguments: No politics in the unions. They blamed the defeat of the German workers on the fact that the unions were tied up with political parties. But while they spoke of No Politics in the unions, they also argued that it would be good practical politics to support Roosevelt in order to get more concessions from him. Another argument they used against a Farmer-Labor party, was that farmers were property owners with a capitalist ideology, and that they could not be depended on as allies of the working class. They further argued that economic action on the job is all the worker needs to fight with, and that the best militant who enters politics and is elected to office becomes just another politician.

While the militants put up a good fight for the Farmer-Labor party, we must say that they were not always able to effectively answer these false and dangerous arguments and combat their influence among the maritime workers. We find a certain resistance among our maritime comrades to raising these political issues in the unions, with the result that the membership is not always prepared to support a fight on the most important political questions facing the working class. For instance, last fall when a United Labor ticket entered the San Francisco municipal elections with the support of 35 A. F. of L. unions and the Epics, beyond getting the formal affiliation of these unions very little was done by the Party to win the trade union membership to active support of the Labor

Ticket, and this was the most serious weakness of the municipal election campaign.

GREAT NEED FOR TRAINING

There is a burning need for the most systematic training and political education of the trade union forces who are playing a leading role in the unions, so that they will better be able to fight for the correct line of the Party, and lead the workers into the struggle for the united front and for a Farmer-Labor party, which will also strengthen this struggle for economic demands. Our district, while we have our major concentration, the maritime industry has not yet seriously undertaken this task of political education among our maritime comrades, and our trade union forces generally, in an organized and systematic manner.

This is especially necessary now, because although the Party is generally recognized among the maritime workers for its leading role in the past two years, very few of our comrades are able to carry on an effective fight for the line of the Party, which is coming under increasing fire not only from the shipowners and the reactionary union officials, but also from the syndicalist elements who are a part of the rank and file movement.

Here we are confronted with a danger, because of the sharp struggle carried on against the Party policy by these elements, that a split will develop in the ranks of the workers which will only help the shipowners and the reactionaries, whose strategy is to encourage such a split as a means of defeating the unions and ousting their leadership. Our comrades have a tendency in the course of the struggle to lump together the reactionaries and the syndicalists, forgetting that the struggle against reactionaries who have no following, and a struggle against the wrong policies of people who came up from the rank and file movement, who are looked upon as militant leaders and who have a following among the workers, cannot be carried on in the same way.

Our struggle against these syndicalist elements must be politically sharp, on the questions of policy and program, but we are speaking not so much to leaders as to workers, and it would be fatal to allow a head-on collision which would only alienate the rank and file that we are trying to win from a wrong and dangerous policy to a correct policy. There is also a tendency to depend too much on top maneuvering, and not enough to win the rank and file to struggle for a correct policy.

The maritime unions are now entering into another stage of their historic struggle. Their recent convention took a further step in the direction of consolidating their unity and assuring joint action for their demands. They adopted a decision to work for the simultaneous renewal of agreements next September, by the unions consulting with each other before signing their separate individual agreements. This was a major defeat for the constant attempts of the shipowners to create a split between the seamen and the longshoremen, and we must say that the policy of the syndicalist elements at times helped to strengthen the possibility of a split between them.

The maritime unions are now preparing to put forward their demands for amending their agreements in September. Their

success will depend in a large measure on the work of our Party, of the Communists and other militants in the unions, in fighting for a correct policy, in assuring united action between the seamen and the longshoremen, in correcting the syndicalist tendencies, and in drawing the maritime unions and their membership into active participation in a united front against war and fascism and into a Farmer-Labor party.

KEY UNIT IN ANTI-WAR STRUGGLE

Here I want to say a word about the key role of the maritime unions in the struggle against war. In California the seamen and longshoremen organized some of the very few anti-war actions that have taken place recently, translating into life the slogan of organizing working class sanctions against the fascist war instigators. The seamen in San Pedro refused to sail a ship with oil for Italy, and the longshoremen of San Francisco on two different occasions refused to load copra and scrap-iron for Italy. In all of these cases, the maritime workers were only able to delay these shipments for a few days, because they were isolated actions and no attempts were made to rally mass support of the entire labor movement behind them.

The recent Maritime Convention has adopted an important resolution, calling upon all its unions to refuse to load or transport war materials which was placed on the embargo list by the American Government. Although this embargo is now lifted, this action of the maritime unions must get the active support of all the trade unions, which will be the only assurance that effective working class sanctions against the shipment of war materials can be carried out. This is not the least of the reasons why the employers are carrying on such a bitter struggle against the Maritime Federation and its affiliated unions.

CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURE

A few words about agriculture. For the past year and a half, since the destruction by terror of the agricultural workers' union, our Party has done very little among the agricultural workers. But its past role and traditions have not been forgotten either by the workers or the growers. There are a number of spontaneous strikes, an upsurge of struggles. A recent move was begun for the A. F. of L. to organize the agricultural workers, with the express purpose of keeping out the Communists. A state agricultural conference was recently called jointly by the A. F. of L., Socialists, and Trotskyites who now wear a Socialist banner. Many important trade unions and Central Labor Councils, as well as the State Federation of Labor were represented. Our Party carried on a campaign that the A. F. of L. should immediately start a state-wide organizing drive to bring the agricultural workers into A. F. of L. unions, of which a few Federal locals already exist.

SOME STEPS TAKEN

In spite of every effort on the part of the Socialist and A. F. of L. officials who called the conference, to sabotage this, the conference took some steps for the organization of the workers. The militant rank and file delegates dominated the conference, and were only prevented from entirely taking it over and really starting an organization drive, by the officials denying the right to vote of the trade unions and Central Labor Councils that were invited to the conference. Nevertheless, it is possible to carry through this organization drive, in spite of the attempt to sabotage by the A. F. of L. officials. The answer of the growers is really evidenced by the revival of vigilante gangs who are attempting to intimidate the workers. In San Jose the vigilantes recently burned a fiery cross as a warning to union organizers. In Southern California, armed gangs are mobilizing and attacking agricultural strikers.

AGAINST VIGILANTISM

When the A. F. of L. really enters the field to organize the agricultural workers, they will find the same vigilante terrorism directed against them as was used against Communist organizers, or only yesterday against the A. F. of L. rubber organizers in Alabama. It is all the more important, therefore, to develop a wide movement against vigilantism. Every trade union in the state has condemned it, and it's our task to draw them into a broad movement for the defense of the trade unions against these fascist attacks.

Regarding building the Party. The time is long past when we can speak merely about recruiting. We recruited over 1000 members in California this year, but we have a big fluctuation. The questions raised by Comrade Krumbein on training new forces is of decisive importance for the growth of the Party. Our state convention decided to concentrate on training 100 comrades as unit leaders, section leaders, and leaders of trade unions and mass organizations. The question of leadership and

AS WE SEE IT

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(Editor's Note: The Western Worker is presenting this new column to its readers in order to discuss current topics of politics and the labor movement and explain the policy of the Communist Party on these questions. We will be glad to receive questions and letters from our readers for discussion in this column.)

We congratulate the longshoremen of the Pacific Coast for the election of district officials who support a militant, rank and file program in the I. L. A. and the Maritime Federation. The election of Harry Bridges as district president and Matt Meehan as district secretary by a huge majority leaves no room for doubt in the minds of the shipowners and their agents that the longshoremen stand solidly behind the program which has made possible their gains in the past two years, and which built a powerful Maritime Federation on the Pacific Coast.

TOWARD JOINT ACTION

The discussions that took place in the recent conventions of the I. L. A. and the Maritime Federation were not based on personalities, or on factional struggles, as the capitalist press tries to point out. They arose out of questions of policy. In the main, the convention decisions outlined a correct policy of closer unity between the seamen and longshoremen, looking toward joint action in September for amending the awards and gaining improved conditions for the maritime workers as a whole.

The seamen especially have reason to demand changes in their award. The sailors must adopt a policy of uniform, joint action with the other seagoing crafts in presenting amendments to the award, and the seamen as a whole must work for closer cooperation with the longshoremen, in order to exert the whole power of the Maritime Federation toward winning more favorable concessions in September.

The shipowners, through the capitalist newspapers, are already trying to create the impression that the maritime unions and the Communists want a strike in September and are working to force a strike. The leaders of business groups are predicting "major waterfront trouble in September," but if any "trouble" develops it will only be that which is provoked by the shipowners, if they refuse the maritime workers the right of collective bargaining, and fail to grant the unjustified demands of the unions, particularly of the seamen who are still working under intolerable conditions and have many crying grievances.

TIME-WORN "RED SCARE"

The employers will probably again drag out the "red herring," in order to avoid the real issues, and cry out about "Communist control" of the unions. We consider it a compliment to the Communist Party, that every worker and every union that comes forward with militant, progressive policies is immediately called "Communist" by the employers and the Hearst press. The majority of the maritime workers are not Communists.

There are at present 200 Communists on the San Francisco waterfront, and every honest worker knows that they are among the most active, militant, progressive trade unionists who have won the confidence of the workers because they are loyally fighting for the interests of the whole working class.

The time is long past when the employers or reactionary trade union officials were able to divide and split the workers' ranks with the "red scare." The reason is that it is becoming generally recognized that every progressive, forward step in the American labor movement is made with the active participation of the Communist Party.

forces is the key to improving the inner life of the Party and adapting the Party organization to the needs and tasks of the moment. If we solve this problem, we will be on the road to the building of a mass Communist Party capable of leading a united People's Front to final victory.

Under Capitalism, there is always room at the top—of the scrap-heap.

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National Farm Holiday Association Convenes



Delegates are shown at the opening of the National Farm Holiday Association convention in St. Paul. The confab demanded federal drought relief and refused to endorse the "Union Party" presidential candidate, William Lemke of North Dakota. John Bosch was elected president of the association and George Nelson, Socialist vice presidential candidate, was named vice-president. Usher Burdick, Lemke campaign manager, led six Farm Holiday state leaders out of the confab who formed a rump organization.

Collective Security Agreements Needed To Block Fascist Plan for War

British Watch and Wait While House Burns Down

SITS ON HAMS WHILE DANGERS INCREASE

LONDON, England.—European diplomatic relations are shifting like sands and reshaping themselves with every wind that blows. Most of the wind is blowing from fascist nations, the heaviest gale to date being the recently proclaimed aggressive pact uniting Germany, Italy, Poland and Austria.

Chief resistance to date to the fascist war preparations have come from the Soviet Union, France and Czechoslovakia. Most other nations have shown a disposition to alter existing treaties to suit the fascists rather than risk an armed clash in trying to force them to observe existing treaties.

SQUATTING ON EMPIRE

The position of Great Britain has been crucial, since much depends of which direction she throw her weight. So far her attitude has been toward throwing it onto her own hams and sitting heavily on her colonial empire. "Watchful waiting," is the slogan adopted, but more astute British diplomats are beginning to realize that it is the watchful waiting of the condemned man who waits the building of the gallows.

Collective security backed up by military strength being the only obstacle which can effectively block the plans of fascist nations for new wars of conquest, it becomes a vital matter whether or not Britain casts her lot with France and the Soviets or lounges in conciliatory idleness.

SYSTEMATIC WRECKAGE

A carefully planned and executed campaign to wreck the League of Nations and destroy all peace guarantees which resulted from the World War, has been methodically pressed by the fascist powers and has been, so far, practically successful. Wall Street cooperated to remove League influence from the skirts of South America. Britain, to date, has aided the wreckage by her "watchful waiting" while the house burned down.

A further factor has attained stature within the British Empire, however, and it is certain the pressure of public opinion will play a larger role in British politics than ever before. Trade unions and progressive organizations have taken a decided swing to the left and are developing the basis of united front action. It is this power alone that can force Britain to a decisive international policy. The scene, however, is moving swiftly, and quick action is necessary if the fascist powers are to be blocked.

DAUGHTER OF NEGUS SPURNS HULLBALOO

GIBRALTER.—The pains with which the white man massacred the American Indians, ripped up the forests, leveled out mountains and built towering cities with Coney Islands and penny arcades, have all been wasted on the 17-year-old daughter of the vanquished Emperor Haile Selassie.

She announced her intention of visiting America but said: "New York's skyscrapers don't interest me and neither do the ordinary tourist attractions. What I would like very much to see are the Indians on your Western reservations. From what I have seen of them in the movies, they must be magnificent."

NANKING MAKES COUNTER-CHARGE

NANKING, China, June 16.—The Chinese Government has charged that Japan is providing Kwangsi Province (South China) with money and arms for its revolt against the government. The revolt of Kwangsi Province, ostensibly, is being waged because the Government has failed to halt the invasion of Chinese soil by Japan. The Government charged that the Japanese Loans have been secured by the rich manganese deposits in Kwangsi Province.

THE SCOTCH SHUN WAR

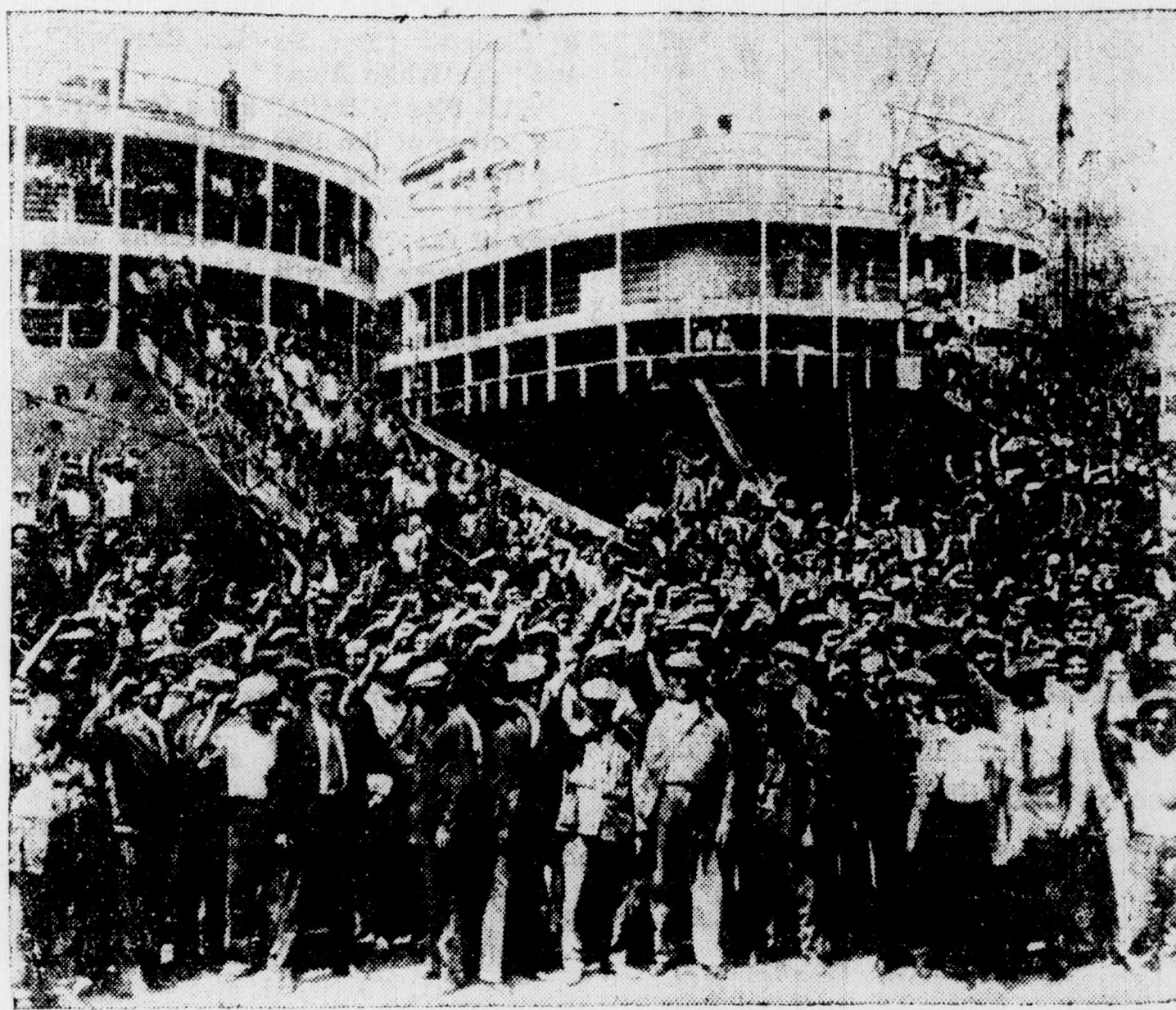
EDINBURGH, Scotland.—The United Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland passed a resolution in their general assembly declaring that nothing can make them take up the sword against their fellow creatures. It amounted to the most complete, all-round renunciation of war ever recorded.

Vote Communist!

FOR THIS PROGRAM

1. Put America back to work—provide jobs and a living wage.
2. Provide unemployment insurance, old age pensions, and social security for all.
3. Save the young generation.
4. Free the farmers from debts, unbearable tax burdens and foreclosures. Guarantee the land to those who till the soil.
5. The rich hold the wealth of the country—make the rich pay.
6. Defend and extend democratic and civil liberties. Curb the Supreme Court.
7. Full rights for the Negro people.
8. Keep America out of war by keeping war out of the world.

French Maritime Workers Hail Victory



With upraised fists in Communist salute, the seamen and dock workers of France hail one of the greatest strike victories in the history of maritime labor. They won the 40-hour week and higher wages after striking on 50 ships in Marseilles and flying red flags from the mastsheads.

Puerto Rico's Struggle for Independence Must Be Backed Up by the American Labor Movement

PASSAGE OF MARCANTONIO BILL FOR FULL AND COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE URGED

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The little Caribbean island of Puerto Rico stands today as one of the most striking examples of what Imperialism—whether American, British or any other—actually means.

In 1898, America took the island as an item of Spanish American War loot. Legislation was enacted stifling the Puerto Rican independence movement and giving American finance capital a monopoly on trade and development. Since that time, Wall Street invested \$54,000,000 in the island. The return on their investment is conservatively estimated at \$500,000,000.

84 PER CENT NEEDY

All of the vast wealth produced by Puerto Rican labor has gone into Wall Street pockets and the people are left in a state of poverty equal to the most exploited regions of China. Wages average 40 to 60 cents per day and prices are higher than in New York. Most of the population can find no work at all, 60 per cent of the people being unemployed and destitute. More than 84 per cent of the population is in desperate need, facing actual hunger. Schools are few and medical facilities are practically non-existent. Illiteracy and disease are widespread. The island has the highest rate of mortality in the Americas. Almost a third of the population is afflicted with hookworm.

Those are only a few of the facts comprising the scandal of Puerto Rico. Under Wall Street domination, practically the whole of the island's agriculture was devoted to sugar and coffee. Consequently the people are dependent on wages for subsistence and do not produce their own food.

Not only is the island a valuable source of super-profits for Wall Street, but a strategic naval base. During 38 years of American rule, the question of granting Puerto Rico independence was ignored in Washington.

INDEPENDENCE DEMAND

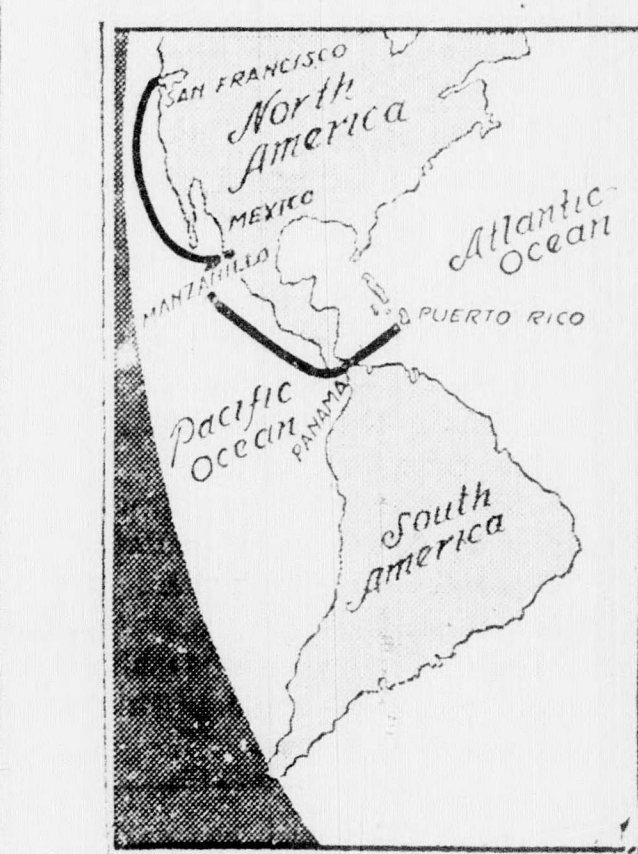
It was only when the horrible effects of the depression hit the island and a powerful independence movement with revolutionary leanings developed that Wall Street became alarmed and the Tydings Independence Bill was introduced to Congress. The people of Puerto Rico were treading barefooted and rebellious along the road to real independence. It was a matter of turning guns on a robbed and hungry populace, which would have embarrassed the United States in the coming Pan-American Conference at Buenos Aires, or else handing them a sop in the form of a fake Independence Bill, which would give the illusion of freedom without really altering present trade relations and Wall Street domination.

The bill did not enjoy the reception Washington expected. The Puerto Rican people recognized its insincerity and increased their anti-imperialist struggles.

REAL INDEPENDENCE

On top of this, Congressman Marcantonio introduced a bill at Washington calling for complete and immediate Puerto Rican independence. This exposed the chicanery of the Tydings Bill so completely that Congress sidetracked the issue and adjourned without taking any action on the island's independence.

But the tattered ghost of the Caribbean colony still haunts the Congressional chambers and will be waiting for the law makers when they re-convene. Meanwhile, the independence movement on the island is



BRITISH COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP INCREASING RAPIDLY

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Forward strides of the Communist Party of Great Britain were told in a personal letter received by a comrade here from a friend in London. The letter reported:

"The Party here is going ahead marvelously well. Applications are literally pouring in and our campaign for affiliation to the Labour Party is going ahead full blast. (900 trade unions have already endorsed it—Editor). The situation in France has helped a lot, although the spade work put in in this country has of course been the main reason for the really remarkable improvement in the Party here. You probably read that Horner (Communist—Edit.) was elected President of the South Wales Miners' Federation and is now one of the dozen big-shot trade union leaders in this country. Gallacher in Parliament (the Communist M. P. recently elected from Scotland—Ed.) is doing well, too, and made a swell fight over the Budget Leakage Scandal."

GERMAN GUNS FOR CHIANG

TOKYO, Japan.—An agreement between Germany and China, in which the Nazi government has agreed to supply Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek with munitions in return for supplies of raw materials, has been revealed here. The report states that the agreement was signed on June 23rd by Chiang and a representative of the German Ministry of Economics.

rapidly achieving a higher level. A sharp swing to the Left is apparent throughout Puerto Rican politics and the basis has been established for a united front of all anti-imperialist elements.

MUST HAVE SUPPORT

Puerto Rico is desperate and is prepared to wage heroic struggles for independence and salvation. But it is absolutely imperative that these struggles be supported by the American workers on the mainland. Puerto Rico is too small to challenge the brutal force of Wall Street unaided.

The most practical and important way in which American labor and liberal organizations can aid the heroic Puerto Rican struggle is by raising the demand for passage of the Marcantonio Bill and bringing pressure on all Congressmen for immediate independence for Puerto Rico.

Italy Mired in the Mud Of Its Dubious Triumph

ETHIOPIAN ARMIES ON THE MARCH AGAIN

ROME, Italy.—That Italy has captured a nest of hornets and brought it home in a paper bag, is becoming speedily apparent to Rome authorities. Intense guerilla warfare has been re-opened by Ethiopian troops against the Italian invaders. The heavy African rains, now coming down in full torrential volume, provide a sloppy foothold for the conquerors who congratulated themselves too soon.

The fascist news agencies now refer to the Ethiopian forces as bandits and the present effort at military suppression is being waged under slogans of establishing law and order. In essence, it amounts to a holdup man knocking down a policeman, taking away his badge and hat and placing him under arrest.

FREQUENT CLASHES

Troops of the Black Shirt Tiber Division, the Sixteenth Sabauda Infantry Division, and the first Eritrean Division were required to repulse an Ethiopian force which severed railway, telegraph and telephone lines between Acak and Moggio.

A report in the French newspaper Oeuvre, which has direct information from Africa, states:

"A strong Ethiopian Army concentrated in the Sidamo Lake region (Southwest of Addis Ababa) composed of veterans of Sasa Banehm, is carrying out a valiant civil war against the Italians."

"Another army encamped about 40 miles from Addis Ababa at Addis Alem (due West) is also attacking the Italians, who, floundering in the mud with their overburdened army, are able to offer only the feeblest resistance."

YOUTH ORGANIZING

The French Petit Journal reports: "Ras Emerou (formerly commander of the army of the West) has made attacks on the Dessye and Gondor garrisons and has already made many raids 35 to 40 miles into the territories occupied in Northeastern Ethiopia by the Italian troops."

The young Ethiopians educated in the European manner have organized armed bands in preparation for Guerilla raids. Fresh attacks on the military routes of Gondor, Dessye and Garpar and the Addis Ababa-Jibuti railways are considered imminent."

STATE FINANCING OF SCIENCE IN FRANCE

PARIS, France.—State financing of scientific research centers and encouragement of foreign scientists to pursue their experiments in France, are being undertaken by Mrs. Irene Joliot Curie, Under-Secretary of State.

A member of the Blum cabinet and staunch supporter of the People's Front, Mrs. Curie is the daughter of the discoverer of radium and is herself a noted woman of science, having been awarded the Nobel Prize for chemistry.

"The time is past," she said, "when great discoveries could be made with rudimentary equipment by scientists who built their apparatus with their own hands and made all calculations connected with their experiments."

FINLAND ELECTIONS

HELSINGFORS, Finland.—Elections here resulted in the Socialist Party coming out as the strongest party in the Chamber. Socialists are expected to form the new cabinet. The "National Patriotic Movement" which represents the Nazi and fascist elements failed to increase their representation, but held their 14 seats. The Socialists have 83 of the 200 seats in the Chamber.

French Women Join the Upsurge



Horses in the famous Grand Prix race at Longchamp were kept championing at their bits and suffered a 10-minute delay when French women took over the race track and waved placards demanding the right to vote.

Mexican Oil Workers Plan 24-Hour Nation-Wide General Strike

MEXICO CITY.—A 24-hour general strike of all oil workers throughout Mexico is set for July 15th. The demonstration is in solidarity with workers in the Huasteca Petroleum Co., (a Standard Oil subsidiary) and in the San Rafael Paper Co., who have been out on strike for more than five months.

Representatives of a dozen important unions, at a mass meeting here, voted to give the two companies until July 18 to settle the disputes. The Mexican Labor Confederation will be asked to call general strikes if demands of the workers are not granted by that time.

Fascists Stampede Snob Avenues on Bastille Day

FRENCH PARASITES IN ROWDY EXHIBITION

PARIS, France.—French fascist gangs chose Bastille Day to loose an intense campaign of violence and disruption against the People's Front. Many were injured in fierce clashes during which followers of Colonel Jacques-de la Rocque's Croix de Feu (Cross of Fire) fascist groups attacked workers groups and sought to provoke large scale riots.

While Premier Leon Blum addressed a People's Front demonstration numbering more than 750,000 in the Place de la Bastille, fascists numbering two or three thousands staged a brawl in the fashionable Champs de Elysees.

THE SAME IN SPAIN

Following the lead of fascists in Spain, French rightists are diligently seeking to spread disorder and cripple the liberal government preparatory to an attempted fascist coup.

Premier Blum, in his Bastille Day address cautioned the French workers that the fascists would "unfailingly provoke disorder." He urged them to maintain strict discipline, take no hasty action, but, at the same time advised the utmost preparedness to prevent a fascist coup.

GIANT PARADES

Edouard Daladier re-affirmed the pledge of the Radical Socialist Party to the People's Front.

During the day, workers poured by the hundreds of thousands through the Paris streets in orderly parades.

The French Army marched in one of the greatest military reviews since the war to demonstrate France's readiness to repulse any attack on her boundaries.

"QUEEN MARY" ALSO AIRCRAFT CARRIER

OXFORD, England, June 14.—At the moment that Capt. Anthony Eden was being honored with a degree from Oxford University here for his desire "to lead the nations into a paradise of peace," news came out of London indicating that a \$40,000,000 battleship and a sister ship to the Queen Mary (luxury liner which is convertible overnight into a super-aircraft carrier) will be laid down by the British government as soon as the Washington treaty expires. The university speaker pointed out that "Eden" means "Paradise" when he conferred the honorary degree upon the youthful Foreign Secretary. Sir Samuel Hoare, First Lord of the Admiralty, declared that "there is going to be no world war if the British Army, Navy and Air Force are adequately strengthened."

Soviets Conquer Arctic Region; Open Navigation

MINERALS FOUND AND FARMING STARTED

NEW YORK.—Success of Soviet scientific engineering accomplishments directed toward opening the Arctic seas to navigations and developing the Polar regions, is reported by S. S. Shipman in "Natural History," the journal of the American Museum of Natural History.

Shipman states: "The year 1935 marked the turning point from the stage of experimental journeys to that of regular navigation on definite schedules. During the season, 85 vessels sailed in different parts of the Arctic carrying cargoes totaling 500,000 tons."

SHIPPING INCREASES

"The most important commercial voyages are those on the Kara Sea, through which vessels carry freight, principally lumber, from the mouths of the Ob and Yenisei Rivers in Northwestern Siberia to Western Europe. The Kara Sea expedition started in 1921 and the volume of shipping has grown steadily from five vessels carrying 13 tons that year, to 28 ships carrying 116,000 tons in 1934. In 1935, 45 vessels participated in the voyage."

"A leading role in the opening of the Arctic to navigation has been played by the sturdy ice-breakers, which eat through almost the heaviest ice-packs. The Soviet ice-breaker fleet, already the largest in the world, is being augmented by six powerful vessels recently put under construction."

MINERAL WEALTH

"The army of scientists operating in the polar regions have proved that the Arctic territory far from being merely a bleak waste of snow and ice, actually abounds in mineral wealth. A recent map shows the location of 273 deposits of useful minerals already discovered in the polar regions, including coal, peat, asphalt, oil, graphite, asbestos, gold, platinum, copper, lead, tin, nickel, iron and amber."

"For the first time in history, large-scale farming is being developed in the Polar regions. It has been found that the lack of heat is compensated by the abundance of light. State farms in the Arctic last year cultivated over 6,000 acres of vegetables including potatoes, carrots, beets, cabbages, onions, kohlrabi, peas, cucumbers, and turnips."

"Almost the year round, Russian flyers thread their way to and from all parts of the Polar regions. They accompany the Kara Sea expeditions and guide freight vessels on their journeys to the mouth of the Lena River."

U.S. NAVY PREPARES PACIFIC WAR BASES

HONOLULU, T. H.—An expedition is being prepared here by the United States Government to build aerological stations on the tiny islands of Howland, Jarvis and Baker in the equatorial Pacific. These projects are described as giving "the army and navy a line of observation that would be invaluable in event of hostilities."

The Coast Guard Cutter Itasca, will carry full equipment and all necessary materials for construction of stone buildings and installation of the apparatus. Ray A. Kleindienst of the Division of Territories and Insular Possessions, and R. B. Black, field representative of the Department of Interior, have arrived here to direct the project and are preparing to embark on the Itasca.

POLISH FARMERS STRIKE

WARSAW, Poland.—Striking farm laborers in Central Galicia increased to 50,000. Strong police reinforcements have been sent to guard important estates.

Officials said that the strike has a distinctly political character. It was organized by the Farmers' Party.

Many local party leaders were arrested after clashes between farmers and land-owners.

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COMRADE MARRIED

Oakland, Calif.

Dear Editor:

Comrade Nathan Yanish, several of whose short stories appeared in the Western Worker, was recently married to a Boston girl, teacher of piano, the former Ann Ruth Shohan.

The couple have made their home in Oakland.

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Western Worker:

Please find a dollar bill enclosed, for which please renew my subscription for three months. I am a little late with my renewal, so fear I shall miss an issue. For the 10 cents change due me, will you send me Monday's issue, July 13th, and would appreciate the late copy of Soviet Russia. Today if you have any in stock. We distribute literature all the time.

Yours, Mrs. A. B.

U.S. ARMY ENLARGED, MECHANIZED, PRIMED

WASHINGTON, June 14.—Gen. Malin Craig, chief of staff of the United States Army, has declared that the army is being mechanized gradually, and that the personnel of the army is being increased. "We feel that the minimum strength of the regular army should be 14,000 officers and 165,000 enlisted men; that we should have a National Guard of at least 210,000 and that we should have 120,000 reserve officers, classified as active, with a like number of men in the enlisted reserve." Orders for six destroyers and three submarines, half of the 18 vessels of the 1937 building program, will be opened in the Navy Department at noon on August 19. The War Department also is considering a blue dress uniform for the army. Gen. Craig has announced that a modernized design that is being studied includes a blue tunic, with rolled collar and trousers, which will displace the olive drab now in vogue.

GERMAN COMMUNISTS

DRESDEN, Germany.—Prison terms of from two to five years and two months have been meted out to 19 Communists. They had been accused of "preparing acts of high treason," for alleged Communist agitation and distribution of literature.

JAPAN OFFICERS TO DIE

TOKYO, Japan.—Sixteen army officers and one civilian were sentenced to death and five officers to life imprisonment for their part in the military revolt of Feb. 28 last.

Since the moment when the leaders of the rebellion surrendered, the trial has been carried on in great secrecy.

SOVIET PIANISTS

VIENNA, Austria.—In the International Piano Contest held here, Soviet pianists won the two first places and the second place. Third place was won by a French girl. Fourth place went to a Hungarian. The jury, as well as the musical circles of Vienna, are unanimously enthusiastic about the Soviet musicians, conceding them outstanding superiority.

POLISH STRIKE WAVE

WARSAW, Poland.—A full-fledged peasant strike is threatened in the Polish Ukraine. Ten thousand textile workers are striking in Upper Silesia and Cracow County. In Gdynia, 2000 building workers are on strike. At Lodz, 700 textile workers have struck and are occupying the plant.

These are only a few of the scores of industrial strikes sweeping the country. Fifteen workers were recently shot and killed by police to break up demonstrations in the Polish Ukraine.

Meanwhile, financial crisis faces the nation and gold is rapidly being exported from the country.

RURAL BREAKDOWN IN CHEKIANG

KINHWAU, Chekiang, China, May 25.—Kinwha, the richest area in the richest province, Chekiang, is not nearing a complete rural breakdown. According to latest investigations, about 72 per cent of the total population in Kinwha is now facing starvation.

It has been estimated that each Chinese family must possess at least 15 mow of land in order to supply itself with adequate food. Only 12 per cent of the whole population in this area possess more than 15 mow, and in some districts as low as 5 per cent.

Cheap labor also constitutes another cause for the rural decline. Since 1932 wages of agricultural workers have dropped 55 per cent.—Tung Fang Tsa Chih.

The Western Worker is anxious to get accurate news reports of the proceedings in all California labor councils and union locals. Why don't you undertake the job of writing up the events in your union meeting regularly?

A German Sailor In Plea For Asylum in the U.S.

ARRESTED IN ARIZONA; FACES DEPORTATION

Faced with deportation to Nazi Germany, Ervin Muhlmann wrote the following letter to the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, New York City, asking for help in fighting the deportation proceedings and stating he "would rather stay here five years in jail than go back to Germany":

"I am writing you from this jail where I am waiting for deportation and help. I came here at the end of September as a wiper on the ship Konigstein, Arnold Bernstein Company, from Antwerp to New York. I jumped the boat, in order to make a living here in the United States. I didn't have an American visa in my German passport for entering the United States.

FORCED LABOR CAMP

I want to mention that from 1924 since I left school, for five to six years, I have been unemployed. My profession is that of a salesman. In 1933 for six months I have been in a forced labor camp in Germany. I have been over there until the age of 25 and I earned only 25 pfennigs a week. I tried to get other employment, but was unable to do so. After a while I quit this job and got relief of seven marks a week. I paid 3 mark 50 for lodgings.

"For years, I suffered living only on dry bread and margarine and not any hot meals. Once I was four days without anything at all. In the year of 1934, I saved 30 marks and then I left for Freyburg. I then went to Antwerp, Belgium and got employment on a ship as deck boy. For 17 marks a month. I made two voyages from Europe to the U. S.

SOUTH AMERICA

"The second trip the ship went through the Magellan Straights and I deserted with me hope so far at the end of the world to get employment but did not succeed. I worked in many places there but could not succeed to make a normal living wage.

"Finally in Bolivia, I got a job on a ship as wiper for 70 marks a month. I could not stand the working conditions in this tropical climate and I went to Hamburg with 100 marks. As I could get nothing in Hamburg, I left for Rotterdam.

NEW YORK

I wanted to go back again to South America, but I could get no ship in Rotterdam, so I went to Antwerp, Belgium. At Antwerp I signed on the boat which went to New York. In the meantime the boat had cancelled orders to go to Germany. There was nothing left for me to do but jump boat, as I didn't want to go back to Germany. I expected to find another ship going to Chile or Bolivia.

"In New York I got a job as dishwasher and saved for myself in six months 150 dollars—more money than I ever owned. To find a position on a boat going to Chile was impossible without American Seamen official discharges, so I took a bus and went to San Francisco where I thought I would get a chance to get a boat to Chile, or to work in the gold mines in Arizona and later start my own claim as gold washer there. All those plans were destroyed through the Immigration police in Yuma on the California border.

JAILED IN YUMA

"The Immigration officers were looking for another German fellow whose photo they had. I looked very much like him so they asked me for my papers. After I have no visa, they put me in jail where I am already one month.

"If I get deported to Germany, I certainly will be sent to prison for twice deserting a German boat. They will take my passport away in Germany where they would not let me work because I am not a member of the Nazi party. There would be no further sense to my living. I couldn't find work in Antwerp or Rotterdam, not even getting a chance to go there, so I beg you to use your influence in my favor. I am neither a Jew or a Communist but I would rather stay here five years in jail than go back to Germany. I never was in conflict with the law. I am 27 years old, healthy and strong.

"I beg you once again to help me stop my deportation to Germany."

NEW NAZI LAW

BERLIN, Germany.—Nazi authorities have issued a decree prohibiting government employees from renting any living quarters from Jews. Violation is punishable by prompt dismissal.

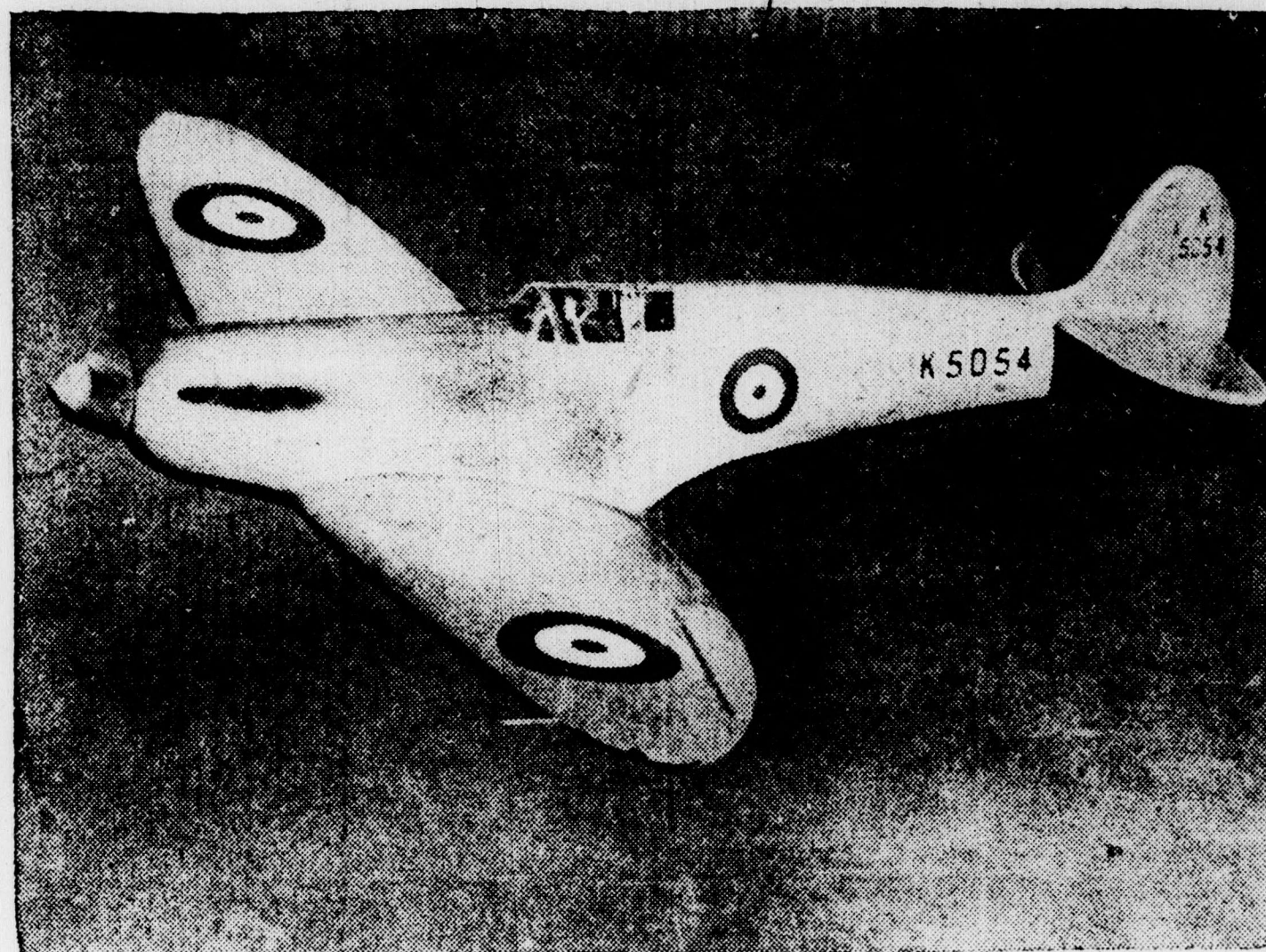
CATTLE IN THE SOVIETS

The collective farms of the U. S. S. R. are to receive this year 49,000 thoroughbred bulls for breeding and 266,600 calves for the members who have no cattle for their own private use.

"If we fail to solve the war problem and the economic problem, our world will go down to destruction. It is no time to stand apart in the rare atmosphere of pedagogy."—Dr. John W. Studebaker, U. S. commissioner of education.

"The navy is feeling its oats. The department is expressing a new arrogance, a cockiness akin to that of the military caste of Japan. It wears a chip on its shoulder, at home and abroad."—Maj.-Gen. Smedley D. Butler.

Fastest British Military Plane



An all-metal, low-wing British monoplane that exceeds in speed all the royal air force and is reputed to be the swiftest fighting plane in the world. These speedy units are being added to strengthen Britain's air power.

170,000,000 People In the Soviet Union Holding Discussions On the New Socialist Constitution

PROTECTION OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND SECURITY IN OLD AGE PROVIDED FOR

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R.—By now the draft of the new Soviet Constitution has reached every corner of the land and is being discussed in factories, rest homes, villages and collective farms. Suggested amendments are already being received in Moscow.

The discussions will continue until Nov. 25, when, with all recommended revisions, it will be turned over to the All Union Congress of Soviets for adoption.

Many dramatic scenes are resulting from the people's reaction to the victorious achievement of years of work and sacrifice.

When the postman brought the draft of the Constitution to the "Path of Ilyich" collective farm in the Volokholam district, the workers immediately gathered in their club house and read it from beginning to end. On the next day, they assembled again to discuss the new law. The following are excerpts from the proceedings of the meeting:

WHAT IS A "CONSTITUTION?"

CHAIRMAN: Yesterday we read the draft of the new Constitution. We agreed that each of us would think over it and express his opinion. Who wants to ask a question or give a speech?

MARIA SOGOMOLOVA (a collective farm woman): Would you explain what is meant by the word Constitution?

CHAIRMAN: The word Constitution means the fundamental law of the state. Our Socialist state of workers and peasants lives according to this law. Each of us is guided by this law in our life and work—in our struggle.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

PELAGEYA ZELOVA (a collective farm woman): What does it say in the law about our collective farm property and about personal property?

CHAIRMAN: It says in the Constitution that in the Soviet Union, in the Socialist country of workers and peasants, there is state property belonging to all the people. This means forests, factories, coal mines, etc. That is one form of property. Then there is a different form—collective farm and co-operative property. Both these forms are social property.

It also says in the Constitution that every citizen can have his personal property, earned by honest labor without exploitation, and the law guards this property. In our country, all citizens must be well to do.

OLD AGE SECURITY

ALEXANDER SERECHKIN (a collective farmer): And what about old men?

CHAIRMAN: The old people are cared for. We respect them and our Soviet power has not forgotten them. We live according to the law that he who will not work shall not eat. Everyone will receive according to his labor and give according to his abilities. Each of us has the right to leisure and every citizen has the right to material support in his old age. Take for example Maria Bogmolova. She is already 64 years old. She gets a pension from the state and the collective farm helps her.

WATCHFULNESS NEEDED

YEGOR VANTSEV (a collective farmer): I have some doubts. It seems that everybody will take part in the elections. How can that be? For example, take someone who in the past had a bad record, was a factory owner or a big Kulak (landowner), and suppose he gets elected by mistake into the leadership of the district and begins to do harm. What then?

CHAIRMAN: Every citizen in our country has a vote, no matter what his race or nationality—whether he is a Russian, Jew, Tartar or Kirghiz. Only insane people and those disfranchised by the court have no right. We are saying to everyone, we are giving you the possibility to work honestly and build a new life together with us. We are giving you the possibility to wipe out

The New Constitution Establishes Security As Basic Human Right

The new Soviet Constitution establishes employment, wages, security from poverty and want, security in old age, education, leisure, medical care, freedom of speech, press and assembly, freedom of religious belief, freedom of personal pursuit of happiness, as inalienable human rights.

It establishes all industrial and agricultural properties as the socially owned property of the workers, democratically controlled by them.

It establishes the right to possess personal property, homes, income from wages, household belongings, etc., and protects this right by law.

It establishes election of people's representatives by direct, secret ballot and raises democracy to the highest level ever achieved on earth.

It makes it a crime punishable by law for any man to make profits off the labor of another man.

OTTO RICHTER WINS BAIL BOND FREEDOM

NEW YORK CITY.—Under pressure of nation-wide protests, the United States Department of Labor has submitted to the demands set forth by Otto Richter who had been on a hunger strike fighting for his freedom.

The young anti-Nazi refugee has been released on a \$1000 bail bond from Ellis Island, where he had been imprisoned since June 12th last, and has been given 30 days in which to arrange for permission to enter some country other than Hitler Germany. He must leave the United States within this period.

The Department of Labor still refused to grant Richter the right of asylum as a political refugee.

Richter, who is but 21 years old, has been in this country since 1933, when he fled from the Hitler terror after being beaten by Nazi Storm Troopers the night of the Reichstag fire. He was arrested in San Francisco during the 1934 General Strike, when he was helping feed strikers in a soup kitchen.

JAPANESE COMMUNISTS

TOKYO, Japan.—A veritable flood of Communist literature has been sweeping Japan during the past months. All efforts of police to stem the tide have proved futile, despite large increases in police forces. Much of the literature is smuggled in from outside countries, but a great deal is printed within the country on secret presses.

"Hollywood is a cemetery where the remains of present-day bourgeois intellectuals are buried, after being fattened like the sacrificial victims of ancient Mexico, on enormous salaries, only to have their hearts plucked out and eaten by the moguls of modern mammon."—Liam O'Flaherty, Irish novelist.

your past. But if you do any harm, we will know how to deal with you.

Could an enemy of the workers and peasants state get into the leading organs? This depends on us—on our watchfulness—but the law is a wise one. It provides that if anyone becomes a bureaucrat, and still more if he begins to do mischief, the voters themselves can immediately recall him and even prosecute him.

But it is quite true that we must watch our enemies and not be quiet about it. We still have enemies, fierce and cunning, and we require more watchfulness than before.

A FEW TIPS ON THE NEWEST MOVIES

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—Among the recent pictures that we can recommend as worth seeing are: "Fury," "Poppy," "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town," "Ballots or Bullets," "The Ex-Mrs. Bradford," and "The White Angel."

"SAN FRANCISCO" has a few thrilling scenes of the 1905 earthquake, but the story is silly.

"POOR LITTLE GIRL" is an idiotic story of the difficulties a wealthy soap manufacturer has with his daughter.

"PAROLE" is a feeble story about parole abuse and crooked politicians.

"NAVY BORN," is brazen, jingoistic, "preparedness" propaganda.

"EDUCATE FATHER," the Rover Boys and the Motor Boys in the American business world, cashing in on plenty of profits and putting the audience to sleep.

YOUNG COMMUNISTS ARE SINGING A NEW SONG FOR FREEDOM

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Young Communist League has just adopted a new song as a rallying cry to America's youth. Copies of the song, with music, can be obtained from the Y. C. L. headquarters at 121 Haight street. The words are:

SHOUT THE CAUSE

We are the youth of America, and not from o'er the sea.

We have learned the force of private men controlling industry.

We really want our land to be country of the free,

With a chance for well-earned happiness and opportunity.

CHORUS

So comrades, SHOUT the cause of workers' freedom,

FIGHT to make our country free

From slow starvation, exploitation, corporation greed.

BLAST to hell the profit system;

Raise your voice and YELL:

Join the fight for the working class with the Y. C. L.

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Why should the youth of America be sentenced to endure

The suffering that a Soviet economy can cure?

Why should the fruits of labor go to greedy bosses' fists?

We have played the sucker long enough to fat imperialists.

Repeat Chorus

GEORGE CHICHERIN DIES

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R.—Plans are being made for a huge public burial of George Vassilevitch Chicherin, former Soviet Commissar of Foreign Affairs, who died in the Kremlin hospital of a cerebral hemorrhage. He held his post until 1930 when ill health forced him to retire.

11,000,000 UNEMPLOYED

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Although business activity was only 5.7 per cent below normal, over 11,000,000 persons were still without normal work in industry and agriculture during May. This is the figure given by the A. F. of L. monthly employment survey.

HELP TEAMSTERS WIN

ALTURAS, Cal.—As a result of a 5-day strike of WPA steam shovel operators on the Redding-Alturas Highway project, only trucks loaded by members of the Teamsters' Union will be used. The steam shovel men struck in favor of the Teamsters' Union.

17,000 Brazil Prisoners Facing Fascist Tribunal

CANADA FARMERS HIT REIGN OF TERROR

By the Joint Committee for Defense of the Brazilian People.

NEW YORK.—Reports of the murder of two Communists, and the arrest of 19 others in Camocim, state of Ceara, in the northern part of Brazil, were received today.

Four deputies, Joao Mangabeira, Domingo Velasco, Abiguar Bastos, and Octavio da Silveira, of Rio de Janeiro, will face trial under the "special tribunals" set up by special decree on June 21st. Under this decree, the 17,000 political prisoners languishing in Brazil's prisons will all be tried by September 21st.

CANADIAN PROTEST

The Joint Committee for the Defense of the Brazilian People, organizing protests against these special tribunals, and for amnesty for all Brazil's political prisoners, is in receipt of a letter from workers and farmers organizations in Canada.

"The Second District Convention of the Eastern District of the German Workers and Farmers' Association of Canada," begins the letter which is addressed to the Brazilian Embassy at Washington, D. C., "wishes to protest against the efforts of the Brazilian Government to crush the struggle of the Brazilian people for national liberation by resorting to fascist methods of terror and violence. We protest the continued imprisonment of Luis Carlos Prestes, president of the National Liberation Alliance and hundreds of other heroic fighters for liberation.

OPPRESSION SCORED

"We protest especially the arrest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ewert who are languishing in a prison in Brazil and who have been tortured by their jailers. We emphatically refute the claim that Arthur Ewert and his wife were the 'instigators of the revolution' and wish to point out to your government that revolutions arise out of the discontent of the great masses of the people with the system of oppression ruling their country.

"Our organization, representing a great number of Germans in Canada demand that your government immediately release Arthur Ewert and his wife." The letter is signed by

J. OBERLE,

Secretary, Eastern District.

NEW PAMPHLET OUT ON FOREIGN BORN IN THE UNITED STATES

THE FOREIGN BORN IN THE UNITED STATES, by Dwight C. Morgan; 84 pp.; 10c (plus postage). Published by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

The foreign born have always existed as an important section of American social life. To a mind of the slightest intelligence the attempt to place the fault for our economic and social ills on the shoulders of the foreign born must appear to be the lie it is. The need therefore for a clear, unbiased presentation of the problems and the needs of the much-maligned foreign born in the United States has been long felt. The publication of a pamphlet, "The Foreign Born in the United States," by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born is to be heralded as a long-needed accomplishment in the fight against the falsifying propaganda distributed by the reactionary forces in America.

The pamphlet also gives a detailed history of immigration and the development of the exclusion and deportation laws, which is too lengthy to consider in this short review. I can fully recommend "The Foreign Born in the United States" to all students of American history as an education in itself.

ABNER GREEN.

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Co. Union-Minded Organizer Buncoes Own Glass Workers

CAMPBELL IN SPIEL BOSSES WOULD FAVOR

Wants to Line Men Up Against Enemies of the Glass Employers

By a Glass Worker

(Note—The Flat Glass Workers Union is an industrial union, working with the Committee for Industrial Organization, while the union Campbell represents is an old, antiquated craft union whose officials are so reactionary that they work closely with the companies, like Campbell, mentioned below, does.)

SAN FRANCISCO. — Owen Illinois Glass Co. is becoming paternalistic. The big bosses are going to look after the welfare of their employees. They invited a Mr. Campbell (first name unknown) to organize the boys and girls under a glass blowers and bottlers association.

He was given a room in the companies Onizers Club and the members of the plant crew were sent over in small groups of fifty or sixty. The company incidentally continued paying wages to the employees while they were in the club rooms.

CRECENTIALS FROM GREEN

Mr. Campbell, who has a strong resemblance to Governor Talmadge, first presented his credentials, a certificate he said was signed by "Bill" Green and which empowered him to organize all unorganized glass workers. He did not permit it to be examined but it did have a very drab looking gold seal on it.

After presenting his credentials he went into a forty-five minute tirade against the enemies of the glass company (the companies and paper container manufacturers especially) and a defense of the company and their intelligent attitude toward his union.

FOUGHT FOR BOSSES

He told how he was beaten by the company's guards when he attempted to organize their workers in 1919; he told how since the very inception of prohibition his union fought the law because it cut down the demand for bottles; he told how his union went to the legislatures of six states and fought the attempts of the manufacturers of paper containers to gain a one per cent preferential over the glass container and how this union won a one cent preferential instead for the glass container in four states, fought to a draw in one state, and lost in one state; in another example he told how his union got the United States Congress to raise the tariff on imported perfume bottles thus enabling the American manufacturers to gain this business; this he asserted proved his union was the one that we should join.

The union is able to carry on the fight against the enemies of the glass workers (his tongue must have slipped. It should be glass manufacturers) by levying a one per cent tax on our weekly wages.

Said Campbell: "Do not strike. That is old fashioned. Owens-Illinois is a big company and they have plants in fourteen states. If you go out on strike, they won't fight you. They don't have to. They will just shut down the plant and send the orders to one of their other plants. The intelligent thing to do is to boycott. Don't strike, it doesn't pay."

Mr. Campbell did not explain how a working man is going to boycott a product he produces. Maybe he doesn't understand that we in the glass house don't buy the bottles, that we make them. Maybe he doesn't want to know.

"Our union has jurisdiction over all employees working in or about a glass plant. Sometimes other unions try to go in and organize workers coming under our jurisdiction but we fight all such attempts. I just came from Toledo.

USES GAS BOMBS

"The flat glass workers union tried to organize the employees in the Toledo plant of the Owens-Illinois Company so they held me out there to straighten things out. The other union a lot of pickets that had no

MEXICAN UNION CONFEDERATION NEEDS AFL AID IN AGRICULTURE

LOS ANGELES. — Known to agricultural workers throughout the state today is the "CUCOM"—the Confederacion Unions de Campesinos y Obrero Mexicano, or the Confederation of Mexican Unions.

California Labor Notes

BAKERSFIELD. — With the Bricklayers' Union voting affiliation to the Kern County Building Trades Council organized labor in the building trades is now 100 per cent represented in the Council. A closed shop arrangement effects every union craft in this area.

SAN FRANCISCO. — The agreement signed by the Association of Roofing Contractors with the Composition Roofers, Damp and Waterproof Workers' Union Local 40 provides for increase from \$8 to \$9 a day; increase for foremen from \$9 to \$10 a day; 8-hour day and 5-day week; travel time and transportation to out-of-town jobs; board and lodging while out of town, and union shop conditions. A joint arbitration board, with three members from the union and three from the employers is set up for handling disputes.

VALLEJO. — The Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers' Union here has protested to the City Council against the scale set for truck drivers on the Vallejo \$300,000 street repaving project. It was the third protest filed by a local union.

TORRENCE. — According to C. O. Johnson, official of the San Pedro Carpenters and member of the executive board of the San Pedro and Wilmington Central Labor Council, the organization committee of that body is arranging to help the drive to organize the steel industry by contacting and holding meetings with the men working in the Columbia Steel plant here.

LONG BEACH. — New applications for membership in the Long Beach Central Labor Council include Marine Clerks' Assn. 38107 and the American Federation of Teachers' Local, R. E. Upjohn and C. N. Upjohn were selected as the Marine Clerks' delegates; the teachers' delegates will be chosen after the summer vacation.

BAKERSFIELD. — Kern River local of the Oil Workers' Union has reelected Ed. Hunter president. E. B. Daniel was elected secretary.

business near that plant and put them around it.

"I had to go through that gauntlet of pickets to take the members of that plant away from that union. When I came out I went through that picket line with a gas bomb in each hand.

Although the union Campbell represents is supposed to be an international union founded over forty years ago, the application blanks he handed out were mimeographed on small sheets of paper, had no union label, and began with I, an employee of the Owens-Illinois Pacific Coast Company.

In very minute letters they had printed by hand "Affiliated with the American Federation of Labor." For another twenty minutes we were treated to a discourse of how our money would be spent. A fifteen percent per capita tax would be exacted besides the various other dues which would be used not for our benefit but to fight the companies' opposition. In other words we could relieve the company of some of its worries.

The warehousemen met first and rejected the Campbell union

Land decided to join the I. L. A. Later after ninety-five percent of the packing room crew had signed up half of the warehousemen lost heart, reconsidered, and signed up too. The members of the corrugated department warned of what was going on unanimously rejected the Campbell union and the entire crew has promised to join a corrugated union. (A chartered union being formed by the Printers' Union). At the present time they are still solid and they are joining the corrugated union.

In the agricultural strikes which have swept the vegetable fields of Los Angeles County and the orange groves of Los Angeles and Orange counties, the CUCOM has organized the highly exploited workers, most of whom are Mexicans.

STARTED IN 1928

The origin of the CUCOM goes back to 1928, when it was organized in San Diego and Imperial counties among the Mexican workers, at about the time when immigration from Mexico almost stopped.

Before 1928 Mexican workers had to pay a head tax of \$10 in order to come to this country, but the wealthy growers of Imperial Valley and elsewhere were seeking cheaper labor and sent Parker Frissell, of the Associated Farmers and head of the agricultural section of the State Chamber of Commerce, to Washington, D. C. soon after that the head tax was removed.

Highly exploited, forced to live in extreme conditions of misery, in hovels without even the slightest sanitation, the Mexican field workers turned to organization to win a decent living standard. In the strike struggles of the Imperial Valley, the CUCOM took but little part, the Cannery and Agricultural Workers' Industrial Union playing the leading role until, in the last few years, the Fruit and Vegetable Packers' Union, A. F. of L., organized the workers.

"POOR WHITES" COME IN

In 1930, the "poor whites" from the Middle West and South began to pour into the fields, driven from their native states by the depression. In the 1930-34 period, the Mexicans, under pressure from relief officials, began to go back to Mexico to the number of 90,000. The immigration into California from the "dust bowl" grew larger, particularly following the 1934 drought. Between June 15th and December 15th, 1935, at least 53,000 came to California from their parched drouth areas.

The growers then began to drive out Mexican labor from the fields, due to the plentiful supply of native American field labor supplied from the drouth areas. It was not a question of anything but profits—the Mexican workers organized themselves into militant unions and carried on great struggles for better wage and living conditions. The "poor whites"—at least a majority of them—had no concept of organization whatsoever.

The agricultural strike in Chula Vista, San Diego County, in 1934 gave the organizational spurt to the CUCOM, for the strikers won contracts that still exist and a closed shop in one lemon grove.

LEADING ROLE

When the strike sentiment gained strength early this year in the vegetable fields around El Monte, Venice, Culver City, Dominguez Hill and Harbor City, the CUCOM took the leading role that makes it the dominant agricultural union in Los Angeles County today. A permanent strike committee, to coordinate the unions in the various areas, was formed, with William Velarde as permanent chairman.

Against the bitterest terror from hired thugs of the growers and from the "Red Squads" of Los Angeles City and County, the strikers carried on militant struggles and at the present date more than 300 agreements have been reported signed with growers in the county.

However, the strike is still going on in many localities, and the CUCOM is far from being the leader of all the field workers. In addition, though, the Filipino and Japanese field workers have also formed their own unions, which add to the strength of the CUCOM. At the present time, the most urgent need of the field workers is the active aid and cooperation of the State Federation of Labor, the Stockton agricultural workers' conference, and the local A. F. of L. bodies.

Tell your fellow-union members what unions throughout the country are doing in building the Farmer-Labor Party. Read about it in the Western Worker.

And Bill Green Calls Them Outlaws!



ONE OF THE 12,000 Camden, N. J. Radio Corp. strikers. There's one cop on top of him and two others in reserve. That's how brave cops are. Bill Green gave orders that no support be given this strike, because the workers are in an industrial union, and refuse to be divided up into crafts.

S.F. Open Shoppers Strong Support Push Picket Fight For CIO in N.W.

SAN FRANCISCO. — The Chamber of Commerce, moving in every possible way to crimp organized labor has now filed charges with District Attorney Brady that San Francisco's anti-picketing ordinance is being violated.

The Chamber said that every clause of the law is being violated and complained not enough members of organized labor were being arrested for picketing. Too many dismissals have been made of those arrested, to suit the open-shop Chamber.

The Chamber's executive vice-president, Charles Page, falsely stated that the people of San Francisco had adopted the anti-picketing ordinance. It was adopted through open shoppers' pressure.

Hawaii ILA Men Win 2 Victories

HIOL, Hawaii. — The Hilo longshoremen, I. L. A. members, have won two more victories, under the militant leadership of Harry Kamoku. From now on, when the men wait for the arrival of a ship, they will receive half pay for the time spent in waiting.

The second victory was in regard to being paid while en route to a port other than Hilo. If they travel to Kailua to unload a ship, they are to receive half pay while travelling to the job, free transportation, and free meals and board for the duration of the job.

The men have as their goal at present, conditions and wages equal to the West Coast. Puna district is now talking of organizing a union, it is reported in the "Voice of Labor," Hawaii's only workingclass newspaper.

What's happening in your community? Let the people of California know through the Western Worker. Be a Western Worker correspondent.

"Red Squad" in Arrest of Emma Cutler in L.A.

LOS ANGELES. — While speaking for her candidacy for Congress in the 13th Congressional District Emma Cutler was arrested by the infamous "red squad" here last Saturday night, July 11, at a Communist Party street meeting on Echo Park boulevard.

The "red squad" thugs held her at police headquarters for about an hour, and then released her.

Emma Cutler is running in opposition to the reactionary incumbent, Rep. Charles Kramer who sponsored the fascist Kramer Sedition Bill in the last Congress.

SEATTLE. — The Committee for Industrial Organization is finding widespread support from organized labor in the Northwest. Forces of labor are especially being consolidated behind the C. I. O. drive to organize the nation's 500,000 steel workers.

With wide support from local unions being gained, the Seattle C. I. O., established at the call of the Seattle Typo Union, is prepared to launch a broad campaign among Seattle unions in support of the C. I. O. and steel organization drive.

POWERFUL SUPPORT

Such powerful labor bodies as the Washington District Council of the Maritime Federation, the United Mine Workers' Union, Brewery Workers, Marine Firemen, Cooks and Assistants, and many others are supporting the committee.

The C. I. O.'s work has spread to Tacoma, where Typographical Union 170 has taken action to set up a committee similar to that of Seattle. H. M. Ross of the Typo, known for active support of labor struggles and as an advocate of industrial unionism, was appointed chairman of the Typo Union committee.

The Seattle committee, planning to gain wide support for the steel organization drive, has sent President Roosevelt and Sen. La Follette's civil rights investigating committee communications calling for a probe of the use of firearms and spies by the steel companies.

Made 90 Cents a Day On Apricot Picking, Mountain View, Cal.

By a Worker Correspondent

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Cal. — I cut apricots here for three days and made about 90 cents a day. Conditions are sure rotten.

Some places are paying only 8 1/2 cents for cutting and spreading 40 lb. boxes, others are paying 9 cents. A "greenhorn" cannot average one box per hour. I can't do much better. How in heck is one going to live on that?

The rents are all high anywhere near here. Not everyone can stand on their feet from 7 a. m. until 6 p. m. To pick the fruit you must know all about it or you can't get a job, and then they pay you only 30 cents an hour.

R. R. 'Waymen Call For Six-Hour Day

CHICAGO. — The recent annual meeting of grand lodge and system officers of the Maintenance of Way Men voted to demand a 6-hour day on the railroads.

The policy now is to keep the 'waymen on short time. The Brotherhood launched plans for a jubilee to celebrate its 50th anniversary in 1937.

2 WORKERS ELECTROCUTED BY SPEED-UP OF AMER. CONCRETE

By a Worker Correspondent.

ONTARIO, Calif. — Two young workers were electrocuted through the break-neck speed-up and competition with several other contractors, by the American Concrete Pipe Co. The job on which this occurred is about 10 miles west of Ontario.

Irving Upchurch of Santa Ana and Louis Truffelli of Los Angeles were the victims. The bosses are trying, as usual, to pass the buck down to the crane operator, but everyone knows that's a damnable lie, for the operator must obey orders or get canned.

High-salaried efficiency and safety experts knew well that there were only two feet of actual working clearance between the boom of a large stiff-leg crane and a 22,000 volt high tension power-line. Rather than wait for this line to be raised they put profits before human lives, hence the tragedy.

The crane operator, who has to obey orders, lowered a huge 13 foot concrete pipe into the ditch directly under the high line. He had to raise the boom up to place the pipe properly and in doing so the boom struck the wire, almost instantly killing the two men, who were holding on to the pipe.

This shows us that high-paid safety experts are not planning for our safety but for profits of their bosses. The only way we can be assured of safety on the job is to organize and elect our own safety men from our own ranks and tell the bosses that if they will not protect us we will protect ourselves.

Shipowners Plan Uniting Forces

SAN FRANCISCO. — Plans for a united front of shipowners against the maritime unions were discussed at a meeting over the weekend, in connection with the question of maritime agreements in September.

A coast-wise committee to represent all shipping employers on the Coast was discussed by the Waterfront Employers' Assn., Pacific American Shipowners' Assn. and the Alaskan Operators' Assn. The plan is to be submitted to employers in all ports, if the representatives of the above association agree to it.

U.S. Seamen Show Solidarity in B. C.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C. — American seamen have been showing the I. L. A. members of the Canadian coast the kind of solidarity that wins. A little while ago the crew of the Grace liner Condor refused to furnish steam for seab longshoremen. The ship had to sail without loading 900 lbs. of box shooks intended for South America.

Before that the S. S. Carrisco did the same thing. The employers are trying to force recognition of the company-controlled Royal Waterfront Workers Assn., which was formed to supplant the I. L. A.

WPA CULTURAL WORKERS WIN NEW VICTORY

SAN FRANCISCO. — Not stopping at winning their demands on the writers' WPA project for immediate continuance of the project and payment of wages, the Federal Cultural Projects Union, Local 236, of the American Federation of Government Employees, has also won re-opening of the art project, which had closed Wednesday, July 1.

This union victory resulted from a mass demonstration at 49 Fourth street, and a packed mass meeting of the union at 89 McAllister street.

In addition to the \$5000 immediately made available to pay the writers, an additional \$12,000 has been received from Washington, D. C., for continuance of cultural projects—a sum sufficient to carry them for 10 days, and more funds have been promised.

The union is still waging the fight for permanent jobs at an increase of 10 per cent over what was formerly paid in salaries.

GANTNER KNIT GOODS SPEED-UP IS VICIOUS

\$10 to \$12 a week Paid; Unionists Fired for Activity in Building ILGWU

By a Worker Correspondent. SAN FRANCISCO. — In my opinion the Gantner and Mattern Knitting Mills should be placed on the unfair list. Several months ago the women there tried to organize and what happened?

FIRED FOR UNION ACTIVITY. These women who realized the need of a union and worked militantly to have all women workers join the International Ladies Garment Workers Union were given a little notice which said "Your help is not needed. Business has slackened."

Another thing that is happening in this sweat shop is that the women have to work very hard for a measly \$10 to \$12 a week. Girls working at piece work have the kind of speedup system that the waterfront workers had before the 1934 strike.

The most that is paid is \$15 a week. Women cannot live or support families on such a wage. To all readers to all members of organized labor, I am appealing for your help to the girls of Gantner and Mattern, so that they may improve their working conditions and wages and gain the benefits of a union. Don't buy Gantner and Mattern knitted goods; demand a union label on your knitted goods.

UNITED FRONT STOCKTON. — Negotiations are being carried on between the Communist Party and the Socialist Party in Stockton to draw up a joint platform in support of Joseph A. Piccarpo on the Socialist ticket in the 11th Assembly District.

This is addressed to all progressive members of the trade unions.

We believe that on the basis of this new Labor Page of the WESTERN WORKER trade union members can be interested in the Western Worker, providing you introduce the paper to them on the basis of the Labor Page. Send in news of your union and its struggles so that the members of your union can feel that this page is their page.

We have a special offer to make. Send in \$1, and the names of 3 trade unionists to whom you'd like to see the WESTERN WORKER for one month.

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Organized Labor Through the USA

PHILADELPHIA. — Representing 225,000 members of organized labor, the Philadelphia Central Labor Council condemned the attack of William Green on the strike of 12,000 Radio Corp. strikers of Camden, N. J. The United Electrical and Radio Workers have been denied an A. F. of L. charter by the A. F. of L. Executive Council because of their industrial form.

The court of appeals upheld the Labor Relations Board in ordering the Associated Press to reinstate Morris Watson, a discharged member of the Newspaper Guild.

NEW YORK. — The U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the Western Railroad has agreed that the organizations affiliated with the A. F. of L. Railway Employees' Dept. are chosen representatives of the carmen, electrical workers and sheet metal workers on that road. This is the result of a recent vote in which the company union was defeated.

All new agreements covering shop craft employees in the Pacific Lines of the Southern Pacific (stores department) has been completed, the A. F. of L. Railway Employees' Dept. announces.

CHICAGO. — About 1400 employees of the Swift dairy and Poultry plants here will receive starting this year, vacations with pay.

NEW YORK. — With a membership of 800,000, the New York Central Trades and Labor Council will join in the country-wide Tom Mooney ceremonies to commemorate the 20th anniversary of America's most famous labor frameup. Plans call for a giant mass meeting July 27, probably in Madison Square Garden.

NEW YORK. — The Cap and Millinery Workers' International will not leave the C. I. O., the union's executive board, meeting here, decided. The union has so far contributed \$5000 to the steel organization campaign.

Teamster Heads Aid Brewer Split

SAN FRANCISCO. — The Teamsters Union officials' attempts to grab the brewery drivers away from the Brewery Workers is bringing about a breach in organized labor's ranks that becomes messier every day. The dispute, one of the evils of craft unionism, is spreading up and down the Coast.

James J. Bardwell, secretary of the Teamsters' local in San Pedro, has ordered union members in the Harbor district not to deliver one Los Angeles-made brand of beer in San Pedro and Wilmington, because drivers of that firm are in the Brewery Workers, the industrial union in which they belong.

The mess has been dragged into court with the action of the California State Brewers' Institute and 21 brewery bosses' groups asking a preliminary injunction against both unions, against strikes.

The brewery drivers state they want to be in the Brewery Workers' Union, and last year a referendum throughout the country, taken at orders of the A. F. of L. Executive Council showed the drivers overwhelmingly for the Brewery Workers' Union. Nevertheless the Council ordered the drivers into the Teamsters, which would divide the brewery workers in the face of the union employers.

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